



It was Civic Sunday last week in Cowbridge, and local photographer Mike Wilcock was there.
(See page 5 in this week's Vale pictorial centrepiece).

Sale of the Lower School site is now 'just weeks away'

SERIOUS negotiations are now taking place after a Vale Council committee chose house-builders Taylor Wimpey as the "preferred bidder" for the land at the site of the old Cowbridge Lower School.

The decision was taken on May 13 by the Trust Committee of the Vale Council.

by PHILIP
IRWIN

were opened. They were Coun Colin Osborne, Coun John Fraser and Coun Katherine Kemp.

At the meeting, Mr. Madley of Messrs Rawlins and Madley, marketing agents for the Trust, outlined the details of the tender bids received for the former school site.

It was reported that approximately 300 sets of sales particulars had been sent out as an initial mailshot, or as a response to advertising during the marketing period.

A total of 22 information packs had been sent out during the marketing period and a viewing morning had been held on April 5, 2011, which had been attended by six separate parties.

The councillors were told that the response to the marketing had been positive, with all interest emanating from the residential sector.

Contact had been made with the main convenience stores during the marketing period but the reaction had been that the site was not in a suitable location.

In the end, 18 tenders had been submitted, and Mr Madley provided

councillors with an analysis of each bid.

He said that the tenderers had all made assumptions in providing their bid price with particular reference to the likely Section 106 costs, and the ability to provide adequate storm and foul drainage to the site without having to incur any additional costs.

However, should any of the assumptions prove to be incorrect, or there was the need to alter their scheme to the detriment of their viability, this would have a downward effect on the price they could pay for the site.

The councillors then decided that Taylor Wimpey be the preferred bidder.

Since that meeting, negotiations have continued, and the trust will be considering a progress report next Monday (July 11).

That report says the following: "Since Taylor Wimpey were accepted as preferred bidder, contracts have been drafted by the council's legal department and issued to Taylor Wimpey's lawyers for comment."

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£2,500 RAISED FOR CHARITY AS...

Men on the Run remember 'the friends we have lost' at event

THE 'Men on the Run' event in Cowbridge, dedicated 'in memory of Jeff Wadham, Neil Trehearne and the many friends we have lost in this town', raised £2,500 for Cancer Research UK - with the prospect of more to come.

Former Welsh rugby international Rhys Williams led the race volunteers in a five minute warm-up at the town's rugby club ground on Sunday, July 3, and Mr Bryan Wadham then officially started the race.

The chairman of the local Cancer Research UK committee, Anne Birt, told The GEM: "Linda Strange, the area volunteer organiser for South Wales spoke briefly to the runners before the race and gave a few facts."

"A total of £320m is raised annually for Cancer Research, and there is no government funding whatsoever!"

The run was only the third such

event held in Wales and England.

Anne said: "We want to thank everyone who helped, especially the marshalls from the Rotary Club of Cowbridge and the First Responder Team, which attended in case of injury, but thankfully did not need to assist anyone."

"It was a good morning with a great atmosphere and hopefully there will be more entrants next year. The current total is around £2,500, but may end up being a little more."

There were actually two runs - a 5k and a 10k, depending on considerations such as fitness, and age!

The winner of the 5K race was 14-year-old Lewis Brunt, who attends the Welsh-speaking school Plas Mawr in Cardiff.

At first he was going to run with his friend Adam Evans, but Adam broke his foot playing football the Friday before the event!

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Bat houses part of MoD 'dysfunction'

THE MoD is "bloated and dysfunctional"; its defence procurement programme is "delusional" ... good on Defence Minister, Liam Fox, for such straight talking.

Blind acceptance by the MoD of consultants who tell them to spend £128,000 on bat houses (five houses at £85,000 each was another figure) is part of the dysfunction.

Another part was their stubborn refusal to consider down-scaling and re-design of the Defence Technical College, to dispense with the access road across the Llanmaes meadows, as the community was demanding.

Instead, they should have genuinely studied David Harris's technically-backed proposal to rebuild the West Camp access from the B4265 and include a rail station.

But worse was the MoD's refusal to scale down space and building

plans for the DTC – once finding that numbers of trainee places was under half the original estimate of 6,000, namely 2,500–2,700 trainee places.

At the Inquiry in January 2009, we asked how much allowance was being made for coming cuts in the standing forces' numbers.

Though this would take trainee placements down to 2000–2100, the MoD's St Athan numbers were treated as sacrosanct.

Of course, if they'd admitted numbers of under 3,000, perhaps 2,000, trainees, the whole idea of a new-build training college comes into question.

So the MoD did persist with delusional numbers till the bitter end. Our politicians, to their shame, encouraged the delusions by insisting that if the MoD said it was required and was the lowest-cost option, their view should prevail.

Max Wallis, Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth

ALF SAYS 100 'THANK YOU'S!'

IWOULD like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all those kind people who sent me cards for my 100th birthday (over 100 received!) and I was not forgotten by the Welsh Assembly and the Minister of Pensions.

I am indebted to The GEM for the publicity it gave through Don John, after the family got together for the birthday

dinner at the Blue Anchor Inn. Thank you, Sir!

Some members of the churches at Porthkerry and Rhosee had invited me to be present at the Rhosee church last Sunday evening, to share some memories and a little tea with them and members of Bethel Baptist church at Barry have laid on a little lunch for me on Wednesday of this week.

God bless you all.
Alfred Mills, Barry.

'Campaign goes on'

MAY we, through the pages of your newspaper, thank all those residents of Barry and beyond who signed our petition against the development of land at White Farm, and who also displayed our 'Keep White Farm Green' posters in their window.

We also welcome the decision of the Vale of Glamorgan's planning

committee to reject this over-development of such a sensitive site.

Only by working together were we strong enough to convince members of the planning committee of our cause.

The campaign to save as much open space at White Farm for future generations of Barrians will continue, but once again, thank you for all your support and messages of encouragement.
Coun Rob Curtis and Margaret Wilkinson, Barry

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'Make cemetery a conservation area'

THE Woodland Trust member, whose letter was published in last week's GEM, was right to point out the 'pent-up' frustration in the community about how the Vale Council makes many of its planning decisions, particularly relating to green sites like White Farm.

That concern could be partly remedied if both the Barry Town Council and the Vale Council joined forces with the local community, with regard to the future of Cemetery Approach and Barry Cemetery itself.

Both councils, I believe, are discussing the possible transfer of the Cemetery Approach land to the town council for cemetery purposes.

I urge both councils to keep in mind the fact that the land at Cemetery Approach is

open space and was given to the people of Barry by the British government in 1954.

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, of which I was secretary, collected nearly 11,400 signatures in helping to prevent the destruction of this open space for housing development.

Barry Town Council supported the action group and what an opportunity now beckons.

Why can't the cemetery and its approach be declared a conservation area, using the open space of the approach itself to promote community activities?

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group suggested to the borough council that there should be a local community project involving both councils, local people and interested parties.

There could be a community garden for children and disabled citizens, an allotments 'shop' where produce grown on the adjacent

allotments could be sold to local people, a memorial garden linked to the cemetery, a play area.

The Woodland Trust and RSPB could also become involved.

Unfortunately, we did not even receive a

response from the borough council. This could become a vibrant and life-enhancing project if someone had the courage to grasp the nettle.

Derek Hooper, Barry.

'Barry enterprise zone is vital to future of the Vale'

IFELT that I should write to confirm that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is making the case as strongly as possible to Welsh Government Ministers for Barry to become an 'enterprise zone'.

It is our view that 'enterprise zones' should be created where there are existing and functioning regeneration areas.

Barry is a successful regeneration area but much more could be done to help our businesses if Barry was also an enterprise zone.

There is little doubt, for example, that if our businesses did not have to pay business rates, they would be much better placed to deal with persistently difficult

trading conditions.

I therefore ask the new Government in Cardiff not to ignore enterprise zones merely because they have been proposed by a central Government led by Conservatives and Liberal Democrats.

It is essential that our Government here in Wales takes action as soon as possible in order to ensure that we do not 'lose out'.

I would also ask that everyone supports the call for Barry to become an enterprise zone.

There is little doubt in my mind that this would be hugely beneficial, not only to the people of Barry, but also for the future prosperity of the Vale of Glamorgan.
Coun Rhodri Traherne (Cabinet member for economic development and regeneration)

WHITE FARM: 'THANK YOU'

IWISH to congratulate The GEM for the excellent and comprehensive article last week concerning the rejection of the White Farm proposal at the council's planning committee.

I would also like to pay tribute to those councillors who spoke and voted against the scheme, and more importantly, to Angela and Ceri Price of Neighbourhood Watch and Steve and Marilyn Blakeman of Barry Flood Group and others who tirelessly fought against it.

It was very frustrating for me, as a planning committee member,

unable to speak publicly prior to the vote, especially as I have witnessed first hand a number of the problems raised.

I am so pleased that local residents 'won the day' and although this decision is likely to go to appeal, we have witnessed a victory for local democracy.

I hope that everyone takes heart and fights with the same vigour on other issues, especially in Barry, which require more champions to improve this town of ours. I will do all that I can to support such initiatives.

Coun Marguerita Wright (Dyfan ward), Barry,

'Wenvoe at War' honours heroes

IN response to Christopher Short's comments, and subsequently those of Gavin Davies, about the illegibility of names on our war memorial, I would agree that some are becoming difficult to read.

It is a matter we in the Wenvoe History Group have recently discussed and are trying to resolve.

It may be of interest to readers that we have just published 'Wenvoe at War' – which includes a complete list of all the names inscribed on the memorial stone.

Casualties of World War I are recorded and unusually, also the

names of villagers who served in the armed forces during the conflict.

It differs from the usual memorial in that it is a locally hewn upright monolithic stone in contrast to those depicting a soldier in battle dress.

It also records those who died in the Second World War.

It is this war that is the subject of our publication, an observation of life during the war years based on the memories of the younger villagers at that time, together with school and other records.

It is available to purchase from the Wenvoe Village Stores and the Cowbridge Book Shop.
Brian Jones, Wenvoe.

'Bags could lead to criminal charge'

IWRITE with reference to the inappropriate placing of black bin bags for collection on non-collection weeks.

Since my division has implemented weekly kitchen food collections to all our customers, almost all the householders have been excellent in embracing the new service, together with its associated fortnightly residual black bin bags collections.

However, there are still a limited number of our residents who think that if they place their bin bags out on a weekly basis we will still collect them on this basis.

I am sorry to have to say that this is simply not the case, and those householders who do put their refuse out on non-collection weeks, are more likely to face a home visit from one of our enforcement team than have their black bin bags sent to landfill.

Ignoring the fact that anyone dumping their black bin bags on our streets shows a total disregard for their neighbours and the neighbourhood in which they reside, it is also a criminal offence that could result in a fine for persistent offenders or even

a prosecution through the courts.

All residents who participate in our recycling and composting services should not need a residual black bag collection service over and above that provided.

Our current service arrangements are supported by our Government's 'blue print' for collection services.

We understand that there may be extenuating factors that result in a requirement for the immediate disposal of residual waste, and in such cases this waste can be taken to one of our two household waste recycling centres at Hayes Road (shortly to move to the Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry) and Llandow. Here it can be disposed of free of charge.

I would, therefore, implore our residents to act responsibly in helping us recycle and compost everything possible.

If they follow our recycling processes, there should be no need to dump black bin bags on our streets on a weekly basis.

CS Parish (Operational manager waste management and cleansing Rheolwr Gwaith Rheoli Gwastraff a Glanhuau)

Forgotten landmark!

THERE are a few landmarks in and around Barry which have been restored.

Most of them are fairly big and expensive to renovate and not everyone will see or visit these places.

But a lot of people pass the lovely horse trough in Broad Street, opposite Barry Train station and I wonder how many have ever noticed it?

I would love to see it cleaned and restored, as it is such an unusual feature.

Gisela Linton, Barry

Bus lane blind spot

FURTHER to the recent letter by Margo Farbrace, the generally excellent Vale Council clearly has a blind spot regarding what used to be called road works.

The only beneficiaries of the ludicrous bus lane are white vans and taxis, which use it to jump the queue.

Meanwhile, ancient potholes remain unfilled...
Jeremy Downing, Dinas Powys

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL JULY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
07 Thur			12.31	8.9
08 Fri			01.15	8.9
09 Sat	01.40	8.7	14.15	8.3
10 Sun	02.45	8.4	15.25	8.2
11 Mon	04.02	8.2	16.45	8.3
12 Tues	05.18	8.3	17.55	8.6
13 Wed	06.24	8.6	18.53	9.1
14 Thur	07.20	8.9	19.45	9.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

NEWS FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF COWBRIDGE

All change as Rotarians welcome new president

A LLANMAES man who dedicates his spare time to volunteering and fundraising in the local community, has become the new president of Cowbridge Rotary Club.

Geoff Jones (64), was welcomed as the new president on June 27 at The Bear Hotel, Cowbridge.

He has been a Rotarian for 11 years and his commitment to the club has earned the respect of fellow members who were pleased to vote him in as their new president for the forthcoming year.

Geoff said: "I am delighted to become the new president of our wonderful club. It's going to be a very exciting year. We're hoping to try out a lot of new things and are looking for inspired and enthusiastic men and

women to join our club.

"We have a lot of fun and really enjoy ourselves, on top of all the fundraising we do, and would love to hear from anyone interested in joining us and making a real difference to their community."

Geoff and his wife Ros are keen golfers and bridge players and enjoy time with their six grandchildren.

The first Rotary Club was founded by Paul Harris in Chicago, USA on February 23, 1905. Ever since, Rotary's work has spanned the globe, with clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas and a membership of 1.2 million business men and women.

To find out more about the Rotary Club of Cowbridge, contact Andrew Lane on 01446 772068, or email andrewj.lane@virgin.net

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ABOVE: New president Geoffrey Jones being invested by the outgoing president Dr David Pierce.

Sale of school site 'imminent'

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The report continues: "At the time of drafting this report, the council's legal department was yet to receive any comments from Taylor Wimpey's lawyers, although on the basis of feedback from the council's agent, it is anticipated that any amendments will be of a fairly minor nature."

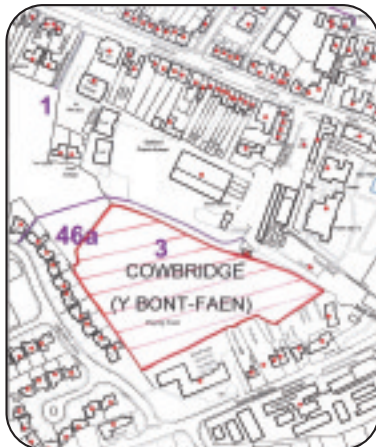
The report adds: "Taylor Wimpey have been making good progress and have accessed the site with their ecologist and technical surveying teams. Work is therefore moving at a significant pace."

"It is hoped that exchange of contracts can take place at an early date. This will then allow Taylor Wimpey to work to submitting the planning application in a timely fashion."

The councillors at next Monday's meeting have another decision to make, because the local education authority has said that it will have no use for the 3.5 acre playing fields that are adjacent to the Cattle Market.

In theory, the Trust Committee could decide to sell off this land, but the report points out that the land is designated as "countryside" and the site also lies within the Cowbridge conservation area, which was designated in July 2010.

The advice from Vale Council planners, therefore, is that the site is not considered to have any development potential and it is recommended that it remains in recreational use.



ABOVE: The playing fields (marked by red border) next to the cattle market that are no longer required by the school.

Handbag theft

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a handbag was stolen from a car parked at Ewenny Cemetery, while the owner was tending a relative's grave on June 28 at around 4.30pm.

A window of the Ford Focus was smashed and the handbag, which had been left on the seat was stolen. Two men were seen in the area at the time of the incident.

They are described as being of stocky build, around 5ft 10ins in height, with short hair.

They were both wearing white T-shirts which had a logo on the front.

They made off in a small, grey-coloured car through Pringle Lane towards Corntown Road, police reported.

Contact PC Robin Mellor at Cowbridge Police Station on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 if you have information.

CRECHE APPEAL

A LOCAL man has lodged an appeal against a decision to refuse planning permission to operate a day creche from a home in Ystradowen.

Mr Colum Sullivan of 1, St Owain's Crescent, Ystradowen has lodged the appeal against the refusal of his change of use application from residential to a day creche.

The creche aims to take up to 12 children, from six months to school age.

It is also planned to provide four parking spaces and cycle parking.

The creche's opening hours would be 7.30am to 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, with a maximum of four staff at any one time.

'Help us keep a record of times past in Cowbridge...'

CAN you remember Eleganza, Mrs Caine's sweet shop, Flo's Café, Nanette's wool shop, Victor Grubb the barber, Pegler's, Tilley's, the Grammar School tuck shop?

Cowbridge hasn't altered greatly in size over the last 50 years, but inevitably there have been numerous changes and we have tried, in the Local History Room, to keep a record of some of these.

The railway station and the cinema closed in the 1950s and the course of the river Thaw was diverted through the town. The by-pass was built in the 1960s; the boys' Grammar School and girls' High School merged and went comprehensive in the 1970s (and Old Hall was restored to become an adult education centre, with the library and health centre built in its grounds).

Roman finds around the High Street in the 1980s led to major archaeological digs, revealing the strong Roman presence here; and the weekly cattle market, with its origins in mediaeval times, began its decline in the

1990s. An exhibition is being staged in Old Hall on Saturday, July 16, displaying some of the material held in the Local History Room for the years around 1950-1990.

There will be a photographic 'walk through Cowbridge' from east to west, and photos, programmes etc of events held in the town.

Do come in and see if you can recall faces and shops and let us know if we are recording anything incorrectly.

Old Hall will be open that day between 12noon and about 4.30pm and in its grounds in the afternoon, will be the celebrations by the Charter Trust for the restoration of the town walls.

We would like to thank all of you who have generously donated, or loaned for copying, some of this material.

The Local History Room, which regularly opens on Wednesday mornings from 10am-12noon, is there for all who love this town and wish to preserve records of its buildings, families and events.

Please telephone 01446 773373, if you have any queries or further items of interest.

BETTY ALDEN

Men on the Run event

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Winner of the 10k race was Simon Lawson from Lisvane. He hopes to compete in the 2012 Olympics, and is the current European half marathon champion, and holds under-21 running titles.

(For photographs of the event, please turn to page 22)

● The local Cancer Research UK committee welcome local people who would like to get involved in fundraising on a regular basis. Anne can be contacted on 01446 774062 or at the following email address Annabirt@hotmail.co.uk.

Three years for serial burglar

COURT TOLD OF BREAK-IN AT A COWBRIDGE FLAT

A PORTHCAWL man has been jailed for a total of three years at Cardiff Crown Court after admitting offences of burglary and possessing heroin.

Judge Christopher Llewellyn-Jones told 39-year-old Rhys Carter on duty in the centre of Bridgend taking part in "Operation Horizon" were targeting drug dealers in the town. In the Mackworth Street area, Carter passed an officer three wraps of heroin worth £10.

"The effect of what you did had been brought home by the victim's impact statement. It's not the property you took, it was the precious photographs on a laptop, which were of his children taken over many years."

He warned Carter that if he committed another burglary, he would

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

receive a minimum sentence of three years.

Prosecutor Julian Greenwood said that on February 2 of last year, undercover police officers on duty in the centre of Bridgend taking part in "Operation Horizon" were targeting drug dealers in the town. In the Mackworth Street area, Carter passed an officer three wraps of heroin worth £10.

On another occasion, said Mr Greenwood, Carter broke into a flat in Cowbridge, in the vicinity of Eagle Lane, through a quarterlight. Carter stole a laptop computer, an iPod, and two mobile phones.

Carter's footprints

were found at the scene. The court was told that the flat occupier, Stuart Frost, said he had been caused considerable distress by the burglary, could not sleep, and found himself sick and shaken.

Carter was said to have previous convictions for burglary.

His counsel, Meirion Davies, said that for the last 10 years, Carter had spent a substantial period in prison.

"The only issue in this case therefore is the length of the sentence. He didn't damage the premises he burgled, and there was no messy search."

"For many years, he had been a heroin addict. Sadly, when he got out of prison, he couldn't keep out of trouble."

'Great Tea Party' lays out Marie Curie's new service



PICTURED (Left to right):

Ann Morgan, Allen Bryant (nursing service manager), Jacqui Cashin (Marie Curie nurse), Karen Jones (fundraising manager), Andy Banks (town mayor), Georgina Burke (fundraiser) and Mary Evans.

A BLOOMING Great Tea Party was held at the Bear Hotel in Cowbridge, as part of a national campaign.

Marie Curie nurses, supporters and the new Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, Andy Banks, who has chosen Marie Curie Cancer Care as his chosen charity were also present.

A spokeswoman said: "The nursing team wanted to use this opportunity to let people know about a new service that is running in the area."

"The End of Life Rapid Discharge service is a joint initiative between Marie Curie and the local Health Board and aims to improve the support available at home for people with a terminal diagnosis and their families, especially those

who are in hospital but wish to die in their own homes.

"A team of experienced Senior Health Care Assistants provide flexible shifts of nursing care in the patient's home during the day, evening and night throughout the whole Cardiff and Vale area, and support the local District Nursing Service to keep them at home with their loved ones around them."

The local fundraising

team are also looking for interested people to join a new fundraising group based in Cowbridge and would welcome calls from local people who think they would like to be involved with this.

For more details on the new group or if you would like to hold your own tea party, contact Karen Jones on 02920 426068 or visit our website at: www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty.

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It's 30 not out for Llantwit Major's 41 Club members!

Llantwit Major 41 Club celebrated its 30th Charter at Llantwit Major Rugby Club on Friday July 1, when 90 current and past members and guests enjoyed an evening of "fun & fellowship".

(See next week for a full report).

PHOTOGRAPHS by MIKE WILCOCK



Local bridge results

VALE of Glamorgan Bridge Club – Club night, Monday, June 27, (16 pairs entry):

1st, Simon and Jonathan Richards 66.39 per cent; 2nd, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams 57.89; 3rd, Mike Best and Kevin Maddox 57.82; 4th, Marjorie and Dennis Smith 57.76; 5th, Barrie Waite and Graham Norris 56.61; 6th, John Henson and Geoff Tinkler 56.18.

COWBRIDGE and District Bridge Club – Club night, Tuesday, June 28 (14 pairs event):

1st, Anne Hughes and Sara Bartlett 59.92 per cent; 2nd, Barbara and Colin Easterbrook 54.76; 3rd, Mearl Owen and Debbie Rosevear 54.37; 3rd, Teri Pollard and David Wright 54.37; 5th, Ann Miller and Judy Springett 52.92; 6th, Mary Thomas and Dennis Parker 52.78.

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FLORAL DEMO
BARRY Floral Society meets at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on Tuesday, July 12 at 2.15pm.

Mrs Elizabeth Graham of Lower Machen will give a demonstration 'Traveller's joy'. New members are always made welcome.

Charity auction for a playgroup



Stephen McPhail with his framed shirt.

IT'S fundraising season at Colwinston Play Group and the annual internet auction is due to take place this week with some exclusive articles up for grabs.

Cardiff City player Stephen McPhail has donated a shirt, signed by the full squad of 2010/2011, Llanerch Vineyard Cookery School is offering a taster course for one, run by Angela Gray, and Quantum Physiques has donated three personal training sessions.

For further information about the playgroup's barbecue day, or to make enquiries on any of the items for auction, e-mail colwinstonpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

WJEC chairman is re-elected

Vale of Glamorgan councillor Tony Hampton has been re-elected the chairman of Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC).

The examination board covers Wales and England, and incorporates the National Youth

Orchestra and the National Youth Theatre.

Following his re-election, Coun Hampton commented: "I would like to wish all examination students the very best success in this year's examinations."

COWBRIDGE FIRE STATION - Recruitment Campaign

Vacancies for local people at Cowbridge Fire Station

"IF YOU LIVE WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF COWBRIDGE FIRE STATION, THEN WE HAVE AN OPENING FOR YOU"



Firefighter David Thomas



New Firefighters Jason Crouch and Lewis Harthry

COWBRIDGE FIRE STATION is actively seeking men and women aged 18 or over from the Cowbridge locality to join their team of retained firefighters. Their work as a retained/part time firefighter is the same as a full time firefighter, except that they do not respond to emergencies from the fire stations, but respond from their own home, or in some cases their place of work, when their bleeper/alserter sounds.

Carl Evans, the Station Manager at Cowbridge said "As a retained Firefighter you are providing a first class service to your neighbours, family, friends and the general community of Cowbridge. By joining the team here at Cowbridge, you can expect to:

- Earn up to £9660 a year responding to emergencies from your own home or workplace.
- Learn new skills and gain a Full Modern Apprenticeship in Operations in the Community.
- Provide a service to your community where your friends and family live"

Currently at Cowbridge, working alongside the VWholetime firefighters, are 7 Retained firefighters. Among them is David Thomas, a self employed carpenter who joined as a retained firefighter in 2009. "I joined the retained fire service at Cowbridge in order to serve the community in which I live. Apart from the excitement and the challenge of attending emergencies, I get satisfaction from a job

well done, helping the visitors and residents of Cowbridge. Whether I'm tackling a big fire or dealing with the aftermath of a road accident, working with a team of firefighters is everything. Since joining, the fire service has paid to put me through my LGV driving course, and emergency driving course, and I am now one of the drivers of the fire engine."

Another firefighter, Lianne Clarke, who also joined in 2009 works along side her father who is a Retained Crew Manager at the station said "I joined the Retained Fire Service at Cowbridge as I am able to work around my athletic training schedule. Being a retained firefighter, I work flexible hours but I am still able to have a social life, and carry out my athletics training when I am on call. When my alserter sounds, I just respond immediately from where I am in Cowbridge."

The 2 newest recruits at Cowbridge, Lewis Harthry and Jason Crouch, joined the station in December last year. Jason said "since joining the station, I have been

to a number of fires and road traffic collisions in the Vale, Bridgend and Cardiff areas. The sense of job satisfaction you get when working as a team member with a fire crew is second to none.

I have learnt many new skills since joining, and I have just completed my Breathing Apparatus, Water Safety and Road Traffic Rescue courses".

So come along to Cowbridge Fire Station, Druids Green, to see what we have to offer you, watch some fire fighting demonstrations, talk to the team and try some of the tests on **Wednesday 13th July** anytime between 6.30pm and 8pm, or **Saturday 16th July**, between 11 am and 1 pm.

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ALL CHANGE FOR A NEW YEAR AS...

New president takes on mantle at Llantwit Major Rotary Club



ABOVE: New president Neville Farthing, Janet Farthing, Lynda Clarke and president-elect John Clarke outside St Donat's Church.

MONDAY evening, July 4, saw the start of the new Rotary year in Llantwit Major with the installation of president Neville Farthing.

The event began in traditional manner with a service of dedication at St Donat's church, conducted by Rotarian The Revd D Vivian Ginn. Singing was led by Cantorion Illtud, accompanied by Lynn Brown with Keith Young conducting.

The choir's solo pieces included the famous Welsh hymn, "Tydi a Roddaist" by Arwel Hughes.

Following the service, the party moved on to West House Country Hotel, Llantwit Major, for dinner. Guests included the president-elect of Cowbridge, Mr Andrew Lane, accompanied by his wife, Ruth, and the chairman of Llantwit Major Probud Club, Mr Eric Sparks with his wife, Anne.

The outgoing presi-



President Neville Farthing, Janet Farthing, Ruth Lane and president-elect of Cowbridge Rotary Club, Andrew Lane.

dent, Jasper Roberts, thanked club members for their support during the year and outlined the many organisations that the club had been able to help.

He offered Neville Farthing every good wish for the future, before installing him with the chain of office.

The new president moved to Llantwit Major with his wife Janet 11 years ago, having previously lived near Taunton

in Somerset where he had had a successful career in marketing.

During that time he was president of Taunton Vale Rotary Club and so is able to bring the experience of that role to Llantwit.

He reminded guests that the Llantwit Major club this year celebrates its 30th anniversary and for almost the whole of that time had been privileged to celebrate the presidential handover

with the accompaniment of Cantorion Illtud.

Co-incidentally, this year Cantorion has also been celebrating its own 30th anniversary.

It has been a wonderful association for which all in the club were most grateful.

President Neville then inducted Rotarian John Clarke, from St Donats, with the chain of office of president-elect.

JEFFREY ROBINSON

Hung jury in local couple assault case

by AJ SICLUNA

AFTER retiring for nearly four hours, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court failed to agree in a case in which a Barry man denied attacking his girlfriend with a wooden meat tenderiser.

The case against Craig Gibson (21) of Robins Lane, was adjourned for the prosecution to decide whether there should be a retrial.

He had pleaded not guilty to one charge of assaulting Holly Hamilton (26) causing actual bodily harm.

He was found not guilty of one charge of

causing her actual bodily harm on another occasion.

Prosecutor David Thomas said the couple had been in a relationship. He claimed that Gibson attacked Miss Hamilton in a room at the Radisson Hotel in the centre of Cardiff.

It was alleged that he had lost his temper, pulled her hair and put a blanket over her head.

On another occasion, claimed Mr Thomas, he again pulled her hair, put his hands over her mouth and struck her with a meat tenderiser, causing her to suffer a

cut eye and bruising.

Police Constable Alan Harding said he interviewed Gibson who told him they had had an argument in the hotel, and that Miss Hamilton tried to attack him, "As she always does," he said.

He added: "That's it, that's all that happened." He said he attempted to restrain her and had been screamed, and had the scars to prove it.

Later, he said, he drove her home in his car.

The allegations about the subsequent assault were false, he said,

because he told her he was going to end the relationship.

He describes her as a violent person, and denied ever being jealous and possessive.

The second incident, he said, involved an argument over some "bull..."

He said she had gone mad and he had restrained her.

Gibson denied taunting her, kicking her, and said she had tried to scam his face.

At no time, he said, had he struck her with a tenderiser, and he denied saying he was trying to kill her.



Kenyan youngsters proudly wearing their Llantwit kit.

Heartwarming scenes in a Kenyan orphanage

EARLIER this year, while holidaying in Kenya, my wife Sue and I, along with my sister Mo Garrett, visited a local orphanage in Mombasa called the Good Life Orphanage.

The GLO was set up by Kevin and Mary Maguire, a remarkable couple from Manchester who, after holidaying in Mombasa, decided they just had to do something to help the very poor local children of that area.

Over the past few years, they have raised hundreds of thousands of pounds which has enabled them to build and staff a wonderful orphanage for 50 young children, plus arrange the funding and building of a brand new school for 350 students which will open next spring.

During our visit, founder Mary Maguire showed us around the complex to meet children who are cared for by staff members.

It was truly heart wrenching to see children, some only weeks

old, who had been abandoned on the side of the road or just left to fend for themselves with little or no hope for a safe or happy future.

They were now being cared for in the beautiful new buildings of the GLO. The children all receive a good standard of education, and are very well cared for.

The GLO relies totally on donations to fund this huge project, and Mary and Kevin continue to raise sufficient funds to ensure the school and orphanage maintain its existing high standards.

They have also managed to set aside a small farm area, where they have a couple of dairy cows who provide milk and they grow vegetables which helps to subsidise the overheads when providing a staple diet for all the children within the orphanage.

The GLO also raise their own chickens for both consumption within the orphanage, and are also sold in local markets.

During our visit, we were able to hand over clothing donated by both The Red Cross and the Llantwit Major Junior Football section.

Phil Clay, from

Llantwit Major junior football, donated a complete football kit for one of the school's teams. The football kit had originally been sponsored by local Italian restaurant 'Il Vesuvio' of Llantwit Major, and now that the Llantwit boys had outgrown the kit, both Phil and the management of Il Vesuvio are delighted it is serving such a good purpose for the youngsters in Kenya. (Some of the children at the school can be seen, above, in their new kit).

We also donated children's clothing received from the Llantwit Major Red Cross, which was also gratefully received at the GLO.

It is truly inspiring to see just how much good work is being carried out

on behalf of the underprivileged children in that area, thanks to all staff, volunteers, sponsors and a very special couple from Manchester.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Good Life Orphanage, perhaps wishing to make a donation, or even volunteering for a short placement, can visit their website www.thegoodlifeorphanage.com or view their facebook page at The Good Life Orphanage, Mombasa, Kenya Facebook.

A blog can be seen on both the main website and facebook sites which provides the latest news from the school and orphanage.

COLM O'SHEA (Boverton)

COMMUNITY NEWS
TREOES, LLANGAN & ST MARY HILL
Your local correspondent is Nancy Davidge, "Tynwydd", Llangan. (01656) 860303

School fair
THIS year's summer fair at Llangan school on July 2, was once again an outstanding success.

In brilliant sunshine, the fair was opened by TV newsreader Carl Edwards and former newsreader Justina Simpson, a former pupil and keen supporter of the school.

There were many new attractions for the children, including a skittle alley and a water chute - which, judging by the squeals of delight - proved extremely popular.

Adults were well catered for with a variety of interesting stalls and, of course, the refreshment area serving teas and homemade cakes.

School centenary
ON July 13, Llangan school will be celebrating their centenary, beginning with a service in the school hall at 10am.

A garden to celebrate the centenary will be officially unveiled. The design, in slate and brick, has been constructed with an attractive water feature, surrounded by flowers.

Please telephone the school if you wish to attend on 01446 772403.

Vestry club
'DREAMS do sometimes come true' was

the theme at the meeting of Saron Chapel Vestry Club on June 29.

I was asked to speak on dreams of childhood. At the tender age of 12 years, I thought that one day I would marry a cowboy, live on a ranch in the mountains in Canada, ride a white horse and live happy ever after!

Of course, dreams seldom come true - but following the Second World War and a move to London, fate would eventually take a hand in my dream.

In my early 40s, I was invited to visit friends in Canada and collected all the information available from the Canadian Tourist Board on ranches etc!

I boarded the train in Toronto, which would take me to the wild and wonderful west, and after a day and night arrived in Edmonton.

Another train journey followed to Calgary where I bought a lovely white stetson in readiness for riding my dream white horse!

After five days on the ranch, I travelled to Banff, with its hot sulphur springs, and numerous wild animals; then on to Jasper and back to Toronto, the magnificent Niagara Falls and a visit to Montreal.

So, my dream really did come true - but I did not look for my dream cowboy, as I had a husband waiting back home!



PICTURED: Neighbourhood police officers, Coastguard and Barry Lifesavers at the launch of the 2011 Wristband initiative on Barry Island.

Safety wrist bands for resort kids

VALE police, HM Coastguard and Vale Lifeguards were at Barry Island to launch this year's 'Child Safety Wrist-band' initiative.

"The wrist-bands have been designed to cut down the time a lost child spends separated from

his or her parents or guardians. The brightly coloured band includes a space for a mobile phone number or other relevant details, so if a child does become separated and is found, their parent or guardian can be contacted immediately," said Barry Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies.

"Barry Island is extremely popular with families during the summer months and this initiative will promote safety and help to reduce the distress caused by youngsters going missing. "I would encourage all visitors to the area to make use of one of these wrist-bands for their children."

FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR THREE VALE DOG OWNERS

VALE dog owners have been fined for failing to clean up after their animals.

The council's waste management and cleansing team issued three £75 fixed penalty notices in Barry and St Athan during the week commencing June 19.

Six dogs were also removed from Whitmore Bay at Barry

Island, where the summer dog ban is in place, and the dogs' owners were given warnings.

The council warns it will take legal action against dog walkers who flout the summer ban on dogs on certain Vale beaches.

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services at the council, said: "Under the Dogs

(Fouling of Land) Act 1996, three Vale residents have been issued with penalties over a few days.

"Should they refuse to pay their fine, they can be prosecuted and may face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000.

"Dog owners are legally bound not to allow their pets to foul at random in public

areas – our beaches, parks and pathways are precious and used by old and young; negligent behaviour of pet owners will not be tolerated."

Senior enforcement officer, Denny White, commented: "If you are a dog owner you must clean up after your dog. Quite simply, remember to take a couple of bags before you go out on your dog walk.

"You may collect a few, free, blue doggy poop bags from some council offices and libraries, but providing poo bags and picking up after your dog is part and parcel of being a responsible dog owner.

"Once you've scooped the poop, simply tie the bag and place it in any council bin – it is okay to put bagged waste in general litter bins.

"Picking up after your dog, or if you are walking someone else's dog, is your responsibility; there really are no excuses for not doing so."

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

Voluntary Action Scheme 2012 - 2013

Applications are invited from voluntary organisations wishing to undertake projects that promote a "safer Vale", health and well being, lifelong learning, children and young people's welfare, and economic and environmental improvements within the Council's area.

Projects under this scheme may be of one, two or three years duration commencing 1 April 2012.

Further information and an application form can be obtained from: Vale of Glamorgan Council, Finance Dept. (Accountancy Section), Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry, CF63 4RU. Tel: 01446 709250/186, Fax: 01446 701729, Email: tmcarrhur@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 4.30pm Friday, 23rd September, 2011

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GEM EXCLUSIVE

Questions on the table as Assembly starts negotiations

HOW should Wales be financed? Do we get our fair share of the UK cake? Should we set some of our own taxes? Should Wales be able to borrow money?

These are all issues that will be discussed with UK government over the next few months

Some two years ago now, then the Assembly Government set up a Commission to look at all these things, and it delivered its final report last summer.

It found that Wales should be getting £300 million more every year from London (our present budget is about £15.7 billion). Our position is that this needs to be dealt with, and soon.

At the moment, different parts of the UK receive their money through a mechanism called the Barnett formula. It was devised in 1979 so it's now out of date.

Wales does reasonably well out of it, but not anything like as well as Scotland. We think that should change, and Wales should get the £300 million a year that the evidence shows we're entitled to.

The next question for us is whether Wales should take more responsibility for the money raised here in tax. Before we get to that, though,



by First Minister Carwyn Jones

we need to look at the question of borrowing.

Northern Ireland can borrow money up to a limit.

Scotland will soon be able to do the same. The UK government can borrow money to finance projects in England, but in Wales, the Welsh Government can't borrow, even though councils can.

Of course, you only borrow money to pay for big one-off projects like new roads or hospitals, not to pay for your everyday expenditure.

Imagine a street with four neighbouring houses. Three of them can borrow money for new extensions or house improvements. The fourth can't.

Wales is that fourth house, and I don't think that makes sense. We should be able to borrow for infrastructure projects such as rail and road, but up to a limit, remembering that the money has to be paid back.

What about tax? I don't believe we should seek powers to vary income tax. There are great practical problems and I've no doubt that people would think that they would see their taxes go up. I suspect there would also have to be another referendum on that issue and we've only just had one on devolution.

There are other taxes that would be useful to get powers over though, such as air passenger duty, which we could use to help the airports; landfill tax and the aggregates levy, and stamp duty.

Imagine for example what could be done for housebuyers if that could be reduced for a while.

Finally, we have corporation tax, which is the tax levied on businesses. This is a tempting proposition because we could reduce business taxes and help to create jobs.

The downside, though, is that a big reduction in corporation tax would mean less money in the Welsh budget and so less money for schools and hospitals.

In time, more businesses would be created who would pay tax, and the money should then come back into Welsh coffers, but this would take time.

Interesting time ahead, though.

Carwyn Jones is the AM for Bridgend.

Summer show rocks in Barry!

BARRY Arts held its annual summer show Rock the Boat recently at The Barry Arts Hall in Winston Road.

The show was set on a Pirate radio station and took the audience on a trip down memory lane, with memorable music, song and dance.

Jack, played by Jack James, was taken back to the future by Todd, (Callum Lavin) and Sid (Tom Coburn) with a contrast of rock and roll and soul music from the pirate radio sta-

tions Caroline and Atlanta.

The audience showed their appreciation by clapping and singing along. Changing Scene Dance Company (Amy Bedford, Chloe Davies, Nicole Deol, Elinor Robinson and Demi Lee Gulliver) provided an excellent array of dance and colour; choreographed by Emma Lee Wagner.

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Our duty is to protect vulnerable, and allow young people to speak!

OVER the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure and privilege of meeting with young people during school visits to the Senedd, visited schools and attended events led by young people who have something important to say which can influence policy directly in the Welsh Government.

As Finance Minister and Leader of the House, I have the opportunity to feed this back to fellow Ministers, officials and Assembly Members.

It is exciting that we now have a children and young people's committee of the Assembly Members and a children's minister, Gwendolyn Thomas AM, with whom I meet regularly.

'Vale Youth Speaks Up' was the title of the event held last week in the Memorial Hall Theatre in Barry to celebrate the work of Vale People First and learn more about the workshops for young people with additional learning needs that have been held throughout the

Vale.

The evening started with the premiere showing of a film made by young people with learning disabilities called *The Rights Fighters* which featured the 'Superheroes' who challenged the discrimination, bullying and ignorance that too many young people experience.

The film was devised by the young people who are members of Vale People First, based at the Barry YMCA HUB. I am proud to be a trustee of Vale People First and was delighted to open the evening's events.

Although the film was addressing very serious and hurtful issues, based on experience, the young people put their case over with a great deal of humour and enjoyment, which was very powerful in its impact.

Mencap campaign

Only a fortnight ago, I spoke at the launch of a new Mencap campaign, which featured the same issues and concerns which people with learning disabilities face as we saw in the film.

Incidents of disability-related violence and hate crime are shocking

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Finance and Leader of the House)

and unacceptable.

Mencap published a report in 2009 called 'Living in Fear', which identified that two-thirds of people with learning disabilities were found to be bullied on a regular basis, and that almost one third were bullied on a daily or weekly basis.

One of my new responsibilities in the Welsh Government is the equalities portfolio and I am determined to use my powers and influence to tackle discrimination and to ensure that disabled people are able to live a life without fear.

Funding to local authorities has been provided and we work

closely with the Police, British Transport Police as well as Safer Wales, Mencap, Disability Wales and Race Equality First.

Hate crimes

It is important that these crimes are reported and the Association of Chief Police Officers recently revealed almost 2,000 hate incidents recorded in Wales in 2009.

It is important that recording and reporting of hate crime continues to increase and that people are supported throughout the entire process, which begins with reporting and ends in the courts.

This week, I met with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, who are assisting us in developing the new public sector equality duties that all public authorities have to implement, including the health service, local government and the police.

These duties will help us to work together to tackle bullying and hate crime.

The Commission has used its legal powers to conduct a formal inquiry to examine how disabled people, their family, friends and carers who have experi-

enced harassment have been supported by public authorities in Wales. Their report will be published later on this year.

Promoting equality of opportunity has been a motivating force in my public service and has guided me in all aspects of my work in the Welsh Government.

I hope we can make a difference, so that we can build a society in Wales that treats people with dignity and respect.

We all have a duty to protect the most vulnerable in our communities, give every opportunity for our young people to speak up and speak out to ensure that we listen to them, take account of their experience and act to confront bullying, harassment and hate crime.

Best Kept Village is soon to be crowned!



ABOVE: The Best Kept Village in the Vale will be crowned this Friday (July 8) in the annual presentation evening at Ystradowen Community Centre.

The chief judge, Dan Clayton Jones, was touring the Vale last Tuesday, accompanied by his dog Zulu and by the retiring chairman, Basil Watkins. The GEM caught them admiring this floral display in Gileston village, a hamlet which still retains an old-fashioned telephone kiosk!

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Recycling trailer spreads the message on the beach

THE Vale Council marked National Recycling Week by taking its waste management and cleansing trailer beach-side for a series of five events.

The 'Recycle on the Beach' team visited Southerndown, Ogmorbey-Sea, Llantwit Major, Penarth and Barry Island, meeting Vale residents and visitors to the area. Cabinet member for visible and building services, Coun Geoff

Cox, highlighted why recycling should be high on everyone's agenda: "There will soon be no space left in our landfill sites; they are brimming full with years of collected waste. "Economically, manufacturing products from

raw materials costs more than if they were made from recycled products – what is more, the government ask we 'closed loop recycle' as much as possible."

He said that closed loop recycling is already undertaken in the Vale: Local farms and residents grow vegetables, such as potatoes, and place peelings in their kitchen waste caddies.

The contents were then taken to Cowbridge Compost, where compost is made and can then be collected so that new vegetables can be grown by Vale farms and residents.

Singer shines at countdown

CELEBRATIONS to mark the proclamation of the National Eisteddfod to be held next year in the Vale, continued on Friday night at St Curig School.

Welsh learners and supportive Welsh speakers attended a concert by Heather Jones, whose pure voice has been compared to Joni Mitchell and Dusty Springfield.

After thrilling her fans with a selec-

tion from rock to a gentle lullaby, Heather was happy to answer the audience's questions and was an inspiration to anyone thinking of learning Welsh.

Cynhaliwyd noson i gofio yn Ysgol Sant Curig nos Wener ddiwethaf. Dathlwyd Cyhoeddi'r Eisteddfod 2012 gan ddysgwyr y Fro. Diolch o'r galon i Heather Jones sy, fel yr iaith Gymraeg, yn yma o hyd ac yn ffynnu!



**PEOPLE FIRST
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'Rights Fighters' are pictured with the AM at the Memorial Hall: Adam Hughes, Kelly Ann Ridout, Vincent Taylor, and Sharna Byrne.

'Youth Fighters' speak up and demand their rights

WITH support from the Children and Young People's Partnership, Vale People First has been working with young people with learning disabilities to raise awareness of their interests, needs and talents.

They held an event at the Memorial Hall on June 30 to showcase their work to a range of people involved in promoting young people's participation – including the Vale Youth Forum.

Jane Hutt, AM for

the Vale, introduced their film – *The Rights Fighters* – and met the young people who devised the drama and performed in the film. Afterwards, she

commented: "*The Rights Fighters* is an excellent film telling us 'how it is' for people with learning disabilities.

"I will make sure it

is distributed widely in the Assembly and I congratulate Vale People First on their fantastic achievements."

ROADWORKS REPORT

Temporary traffic controls will be on the following roads this week:

Thompson Street, Barry, A4050 Port Road East, Barry B4524 Southerndown to St Brides, B4265 St Brides Major to Ewenny, B4265 Wick to St Brides Major, B4265 St Athan to Llantwit Major, B4266 Cowbridge to Aberthyn (outside school), A48 Sycamore Cross, A4231 Docks Link

Road (between Winston Road and Pendine Close), Warren Mill Farm, Sully Road (between the riding school and Cogan Hall Cottages), Aubrey Arms to Treguff Cottages, Llangan village (from the school to Fferm Goch), Port Road West (from Colcot roundabout to Tesco), Porthkerry Road, Rhosoe (from A4266 roundabout to roundabout outside Cardiff airport), Port Road, Wenvoe.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Help speed up slow broadband in Vale

HOW good is your internet access? 'Poor' is often the response I hear from constituents across the rural Vale.

I have been campaigning, since being elected, to improve internet delivery services for communities across the Vale.

At the beginning of this year, a family in Dyffryn who had contacted my office, were the first to benefit from the broadband support scheme, which helps residents and businesses fund the purchase of the satellite system.

The Welsh Government's £2m extension to the broadband improvement scheme offers up to £1,000 for residents to buy an alternative, if they have poor connectivity of less than 2Mbps.

I attended a debate in Westminster last month, which addressed the concerns that rural businesses and rural communities across the UK are isolated and undermined by slow broadband and the

lack of mobile voice and mobile broadband coverage.

The motion called on the communications regulator Ofcom to increase the coverage obligation to 98 per cent to support the Government's commitment to build both the best superfast broadband network in Europe and provide everyone in the UK with a minimum of 2 Mbps by 2015.

In a meeting with the Director of Ofcom for Wales last week, I was pleased to hear that Ofcom will be doing all it can to support mobile broadband coverage when it auctions the 800MHz and 2.6GHz spectrum in the first half of 2012.

Within the last fortnight, I met with senior executives at BT Openreach and raised specific issues with them about their current provision of broadband to the rural Vale, particularly with regard to Colwinston in the west and Hensol to the north-east of the county.

While I welcomed their roll-out of fibre-optic broadband in Llantwit Major and



Vale MP Alun Cairns reports to GEM readers

Barry over recent months, I highlighted the cases of many residents and businesses who need to benefit from basic connectivity at the very least, if not the superfast speeds delivered by fibre-optic infrastructure.

I pressed BT on their plans for the roll-out of broadband within the Vale, particularly given that the UK government has made £500m available to guarantee 2Mbps to every BT household by 2015.

I am looking forward to some really positive announcements on this soon.

Having been to see how the satellite system works in practice, it is ideal for those who live in broadband 'not spots' across the Vale.

I'd urge others who live too far away from their local exchange, or who have a broadband download speed regularly lower than 512Mbps, to use the broadband support scheme.

The satellite system provides a reliable and high capacity broadband service – enabling users to be able to complete everything from schoolwork, uploading large work presentations and sharing and enjoying multimedia with family and friends.

Readers can find out more about the scheme and to register your home as a 'broadband not spot' you can find the link on www.alun-cairns.co.uk and on www.wales.gov.uk

The MP remains 'optimistic' about the future of St Athan

VALE MP Alun Cairns said this week he had met the Secretary of State for Defence to again press the case for St Athan.

"A base review is under way. It will set out the use that is intended to be made of all military bases around the UK and is key to the future of St Athan," Mr Cairns said.

"The Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox MP confirmed to me that the base review is due to be published

within days and that training and other purposes will fall out from that.

"I remain optimistic about the future of the MoD site at St Athan," he insisted.

Mr Cairns reported that he has already had several meetings with the Secretary of State, to "maintain the focus" and highlight the case for St Athan being a vital element in the MoD's future strategy for sites

in the UK. He explained: "I made the Minister aware of the strength of the feeling in the community about the site, and the importance for the need of active military use on site."

"There are lots of opportunities in this review, because it will also address the return of the army from Germany. This means that military space is at a premium. St Athan is well placed.

"My recent role in

opening the new headquarters building ('Lancaster') at No 4 School of Technical Training at St Athan a few weeks ago, highlighted to me the significant training activity on the site, which is not necessarily recognised by the wider community.

"My aim is to do all I can to support the site and to make sure that the activity on the base at St Athan grows," Mr Cairns vowed.

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Island Farm sports village clears major planning hurdle!

AFTER years of controversy, there will be a 'sports village' at Island Farm after councillors voted 22-10 in favour.

It is almost 10 years since the Welsh Rugby Union put forward plans for a sports complex on the Bridgend site, which includes an old prisoner-of-war camp.

That WRU plan included sports grounds, housing, a hotel, and it would also have been the official training base for the Welsh team, and a training academy for future Welsh players.

Now, after a vote by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) councillors, a similar sporting scheme has been given the go-ahead.

It will be operated by HD Ltd of Merthyr Mawr Road – the Hegarty family's development company, and will include the following:

- A 15,000-seat

rugby league stadium.

- A 2,000-seat football stadium, plus two extra pitches.

- A 5,000-seat rugby union stadium, plus three outdoor training pitches.

- An indoor tennis centre plus 10 outdoor courts.

- An indoor 4G training pitch and sports hall offering badminton, squash and other sports.

- An indoor swimming pool.

The scheme includes an extension to the adjoining science park.

The site would be accessed by a new junction, controlled by traffic lights off the A48, and an internal road would link the site with the science park, giving secondary access to the complex from Ewenny Road.

The scheme was opposed by, broadly speaking, the residents' group who fought against the WRU scheme.

However, this time

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around, the plan attracted support from a wide range of sporting clubs based in Bridgend county borough, who came forward and welcomed the plans.

When it came to the vote, which took place on Monday (July 4) the protesters outside the council offices opposing the scheme were outnumbered by those in favour.

Inside the building, a packed hall saw the vote break down 22 in favour, 10 against, with one abstention. A BCBC spokesman said that the members of the cabinet had, on legal advice, taken no part in the vote, to avoid prejudicing any future decisions they might have to make.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, local residents had raised concerns about traffic problems.

Local town councillor Coun Dianne Burns told

The GEM that she had supported her Oldcastle constituents, who "overwhelmingly" opposed the plan.

She said: "I support a sports village, but it needs to be in the right place. This was in the wrong place, and will cause too many traffic problems."

For Coun Peter Foley, there were echoes of the previous WRU scheme. He said: "As soon as that scheme was granted planning permission, the developers decided that the running track was too expensive."

"I am a long-standing opponent of housing development in this area, and I worry about what will happen if the sporting facilities are not paying their way."

The developers have previously insisted that the sports facilities would be for the use of the local community, and at the moment no 'prestige' users are signed up.

Coun Foley said: "I don't want this develop-

ment to be a Trojan Horse for more housing, if the sporting side is not paying its way."

Christine Taylor, the chairman of the Island Farm Campaign for Action, said: "It is dreadfully sad that councillors and petitioners are in favour of the Island Farm development."

"In their eagerness to approve the elite facilities for the young sporting stars of the future, they have miserably failed to address the needs of others in our community especially the over-60s, the less able and those on low income, all of whom receive concessions at Bridgend Recreation Centre."

"We do not believe these concessions will be available at Island Farm."

"It is also believed that the plan for three stadia is not realistic and will pave the way for alternative developments."

"This is the best agricultural land the borough has and abuts the beautiful village of Merthyr Mawr, a European protected landscape."

"These councillors do not recognise what we already have."

"Once gone, the damage will be irreversible. Future generations will look back and say what were they thinking of."

WHAT'S ON in brief

FESTIVAL
PENARTH Holiday festival starts today (July 7) with the official opening by the Mayor of Penarth, Mr Anthony Ernest, of The Cliff Top Artists exhibition, which runs every day from 12pm-8pm finishing on July 17 behind Cliff Parade.

FUN DAY
On Tuesday, July 12, at 3pm, there will be a Beryl Road Nursery family fun day at St John's Hall, Barry. Bouncy castle, face paintings, mini fire truck rides, stalls, games and raffle.

CREAM TEA
There will be cream tea with strawberries on Sunday July 10, at 3 - 5.30 pm at The Old Vicarage, Llantwit Major, off Church Lane.

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COUNCIL PLANS TO GO WEEKLY FOR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS!

THE Vale Council is planning weekly kerbside collections of co-mingled dry recycling* in a bid to improve its recycling rate after missing Welsh Government targets.

The council's recycling rate for the year 2009/10 was 37.8 per cent, against a target of 40 per cent.

Significantly, the next target the council is supposed to reach is in 2015, when it rises to 58 per cent.

With these targets looming, a report that was presented to the Vale Council cabinet yesterday, saying that "doing nothing is not an option".

In the report, council officers suggested that the two main factors affecting the recycling rate are that the collections are currently on alternate weeks, and "the labour levels involved in the current material sort process by our residents."

The latter phrase appears to suggest that people in the Vale find it too much trouble to sort the recycling before putting it out.

The new scheme will let residents put the recycling out unsorted.

The new scheme will also, it is stated, save around £200,000 from a budget that this year has to find £400,000 of savings.

At first glance, collecting twice as often doesn't sound like a means of cutting costs, but the report says that in total, if the council can increase recycling rates by 35 per cent, a saving of £283,657 could be made in the remaining seven months of this financial year (2011/12) even though

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collections will not start until September 1. The savings appear to be possible for two main reasons. First, the council will be transferring a number of staff from agency workers to full time.

The report says that 26 agency staff will go, and they will be replaced by 15 permanent. Four vehicles will be taken off the road as the improved staffing arrangements mean that existing vehicles will be used more intensively.

The report says that this will generate savings of £252,000.

The remaining savings will come about because the council has renegotiated its arrangements with Biffa, the company that holds the contract for waste disposal – a contract that does not expire until March 31, 2013.

At the moment, the council pays Biffa £40 per tonne to dispose of "mixed materials", but a new rate of £14.50 per tonne has been agreed, says the report.

The report acknowledges that some of this material may end up contaminated and hence be unsuitable for recycling, but the overall result is still expected to save cash.

The main area of concern is that at the end of 2010, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, wrote to the then Assembly Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson, to gain Welsh Government (WG) approval for the plan.

However, her response falls short of whole-hearted support,

because the WG favours waste collection systems where the householder sorts the recycling before collection. In fact, she points approvingly to the new system in Bridgend county borough, which began last June.

The collection there is weekly for everything except waste that can't be recycled, which is fortnightly.

A Bridgend resident now puts out two black boxes (newspaper in one and glass and cardboard in the other) one large blue reusable bag (plastic, cans, and aerosols) and a kitchen waste box, all once a week.

There was initial hostility in many areas, but that now seems to have died away, and many residents are very pleased with the scheme.

In her letter, Jane Davidson points out that Bridgend has jumped from 21st out of 22 Welsh local authorities in terms of recycling rate to fourth, with a rate of 50.78 per cent.

She also says that Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has saved £1 million by changing its contractor and pursuing the current recycling drive.

This because the ready sorted material can be sold to recycling companies, rather than having to be sorted at a waste management centre.

* Clifford Parish, the operational manager for visible services at the Vale Council, said: "Dry recycling is paper, glass, cans, cardboard and plastic and co-mingled means that residents do not have to separate these various materials before placing them in the recycling boxes on the kerbside for collection."

Tory AM hits out at no out-of-hours scanner service

RESEARCH carried out for regional Tory AM Suzy Davies has revealed that scanners at the Princess of Wales Hospital only operate at night and weekends when there is an emergency.

The CT scanner at the hospital operates from 8am until 6pm on Mondays to Thursdays and on Fridays until 5pm.

The MRI scanner works from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

In response to a Freedom of Information request submitted by the regional AM for South Wales west, Alexandra Howells, acting chief executive of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, said that there was no out-of-hours cover at the moment for the MRI scanner, although a business case is being developed.

With the CT scanner, she said that this was manned out-of-hours on an emergency basis by an on-call service. Urgent CT scans can be arranged for stroke patients.

Mrs Davies said that she was concerned about the knock-on effect of delays in patients being scanned.

"A constituent contacted me to say that she was admitted into the Princess of Wales on a bank holiday Saturday and it was decided that

she needed an ultra sound scan. Nothing happened on the Sunday or the Monday because of the bank holiday and she finally had the scan on the Tuesday. Nothing untoward was found and she was discharged."

"What concerns me is that this person spent four days occupying a much-needed hospital bed while she waited for a scan. If she could have had it either the same day or the day after, a bed would have been freed up for someone else to occupy."

"The lack of beds is at the root of many problems within the NHS, and an easy way of making more beds available would be to increase the operating hours of the scanners across the board."

"It would save a lot of people from being kept hanging about in hospital beds, especially at weekends and bank holidays."

Mrs Davies claimed: "The NHS is at breaking point with ambulances stacked outside hospitals trying to discharge patients into emergency departments which are full of people lying on trolleys while they wait for a bed to become free."

Mrs Davies said that she will be writing to health Minister Lesley Griffiths on this issue.

"We must work smarter in the health service if it is to respond to all the demands being put upon it. I know that the Welsh Labour

Government has decided to chop £1 billion from the health bill over the next few years, but spending some money up front to either employ more scanner staff or foot an overtime bill would end up saving money in the long run."

"It would help alleviate the crippling beds shortage we are seeing. Bridgend has lost 200 beds over the past 20 years and this figure can be replicated all over Wales."

"Thousands of beds have been axed and we are now reaping the results of that policy with the crisis we are going through," she alleged.

A spokeswoman for the trust responded: "We are satisfied that the arrangements we have in place for scanning and provision of pharmacy services, both in hours and out of hours, ensure that we are able to meet the clinical needs of patients in a timely way – safety of patients has to be our top priority."

"This is particularly important for emergency patients who may require our services at any time of day or night and we are confident that we are able to deliver this level of response."

"In addition, new ways of working have been introduced which means patients are able to bring their own medication into hospital; there is more medication available on wards and better planning of patient's discharge."

"Clearly we are keen to minimise any delays in delivering care to patients at any stage of their stay in hospital as this can also impact on our ability to provide effective services in A&E."

"We monitor and address all causes of delay on a daily basis."

"These efforts are paying off within ABMU as demonstrated by the improved levels of performance in achieving the four-hour wait."

"The current position across the Health Board is an achievement rate of 94 per cent."

"In June, the Health Board achievement rate was the highest in Wales. Therefore it is important to point out that the instances of queuing ambulances and people lying on trolleys alluded to in the press statement are now exceptional situations."

"However we recognise that there are still some circumstances where patients do experience delays in waiting for some aspects of their care, particularly on the weekend."

"In order to deliver further improvements to patient care and the use of resources we will need to consider whether it is possible to make some of our services routinely available on a seven-day basis."

MP and campaigner push for Barry enterprise zone

VALE MP Alun Cairns and Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry met the Wales Office Minister, David Jones (on right, centre) in Westminster to discuss Barry becoming Wales' first 'enterprise zone'.



In March this year, Mr Cairns raised the issue in Parliament.

Mr Haley, a businessman in the town, has argued that the town, airport, aerospace business park and St Athan should make up Wales' first enterprise zone.

The UK government has already announced the creation of 21 new enterprise zones for

England, with a further 10 planned.

Mr Cairns said: "Barry and the Vale have missed out on European Money and was not designated as an area able to offer grants to local and national companies."

"This is our opportunity to catch up with neighbouring areas such as Bridgend and parts of Cardiff."

"I'm determined that

Barry should be the first enterprise zone in Wales. Paul Haley and I met the Wales' Office Minister to press our case."

The idea is that enterprise zones will be centres for new businesses and jobs in parts of Britain that have missed out in the last 10 years, where taxes will be even lower and restrictions on economic growth removed.

JUDGE: "SHE HAD LOST THE ABILITY AT THE TIME TO THINK STRAIGHT"

'Loving mother' of Glen walks free after manslaughter verdict

A LOVING mother who killed her autistic son by strangling him in a hotel room near Cardiff Airport, has walked free from the dock at Cardiff Crown Court.

Yvonne Freeny (50) who had lived in Penarth was cleared of murdering 11-year-old Glen. She had admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Wyn Williams described the case as the most difficult he had dealt with.

He sentenced Freeny to a three-year community order involving three-year's supervision, as well as a mental health requirement.

He agreed with psychiatrists that Freeny's culpability was very low and that she had acted out of sheer desperation.

Prosecutor Greg Taylor argued that

although Freeny was what he described as a "sad, defeated woman" she was sane and in control of her actions when she killed her child.

The court heard that Glen, who was severely autistic, was killed in a room at the Sky Plaza Hotel in May last year. He was not discovered for three days.

When police officers visited the room, they found Freeny sitting on the bed covered in blood, after having tried to kill herself by cutting her wrists.

Freeny had three other disabled children and had been living in hotels with Glen since leaving her violent husband.

She told officers she was terrified that Social Services would take the boy into care, and she did not trust anyone else to look after him.

She said: "It's funny. He was laughing when I was strangling him. That is when I knew he was happy."

Report by AJ SICLUNA

"I had to do it because now, no-one can point fingers at him. My only regret is that I couldn't end my own life."

Freeny's counsel, John Charles Rees QC, pointed out that she was a woman of exemplary character and admitted manslaughter at the first opportunity and never disputed the facts.

He said her case was at the top end of the spectrum of diminished responsibility and in every respect it was exceptional.

"She was undoubtedly a most loving mother and she killed when suffering under a disorder and not out of malice."

In effect, he said, she had already served a sentence the equivalent of two years, two months.

The judge said the course he was taking was in his view, an

exceptional one. Her plan, said the judge had been first to kill Glen, then herself.

Her responsibility for what occurred was very much reduced.

There was no doubt, he said, that she was utterly devoted to Glen throughout his short life.

"She showered him with love and affection, and cared for him day in, and day out."

Her husband, said the judge, had been violent to her several times a year. In addition, she had cared for her mother, who suffered with dementia until she died.

Her home, which had been in Salop Street, had resembled a pigsty.

During the six weeks when she and Glen lived in hotels, she became increasingly desperate.

The judge said: "She suffered from, and still suffers from, a personality disorder, and at the time of the killing had a severe abnormality of mind."

"Her ability to think

Boost for Riding for Disabled charity



Pictured: Emma Underwood from Countrywide with members of the riding charity, in 2010.

THE Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) is to receive a £30,000 donation from rural retailer Countrywide, following fundraising events which contributed £4,055, including more than £180 raised in Bridgend.

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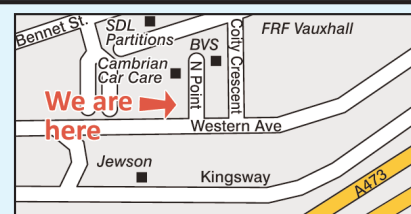
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Hammer Strength Gym provides a lift for weight trainers in Vale

SINCE it opened in the spring, the Hammer Strength Gym at Holm View Leisure Centre in Barry has added extra muscle to the

town's leisure facilities.

The gym is perfect for anyone who is serious about their weight training, and is one of many exciting improvements that are being made in local communities across the town

as part of the multi-million-pound Barry Regeneration Fund. £100,000 was awarded by the Welsh Assembly Government for the Hammer Strength project, and the new gym is a huge improvement on the

old Hammer Strength Gym which was located just a mile away at the Colcot Sports Centre.

The new facility is more than twice as big as the old cramped gym, with twice as many weights stations and machines, and you will always find a qualified member of staff on duty to help with training advice.

Memberships at Hammer Strength cost from £20 a month, with 'pay as you train' rates also available.

Vale of Glamorgan Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "I am delighted that an under-utilised area of Holm View Leisure Centre has been transformed into another high quality leisure facility for the town.

"I fully appreciate that a number of customers were concerned that the council was taking a much-loved facility away from the Colcot Sports Centre, but the feedback since the move has been extremely positive.

"I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the project happen in such a short period of time."



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Coun Margaret Wilkinson, ward member for Gibbonsdown, hopes that the gym will help make a massive impact on the health of the local community: "It's great to see Holm View Leisure Centre brought back to life. I hope that the new gym will be popular with

both old and new customers, and that the gym will attract people from the local community and beyond into the other parts of the leisure centre as well," she commented.

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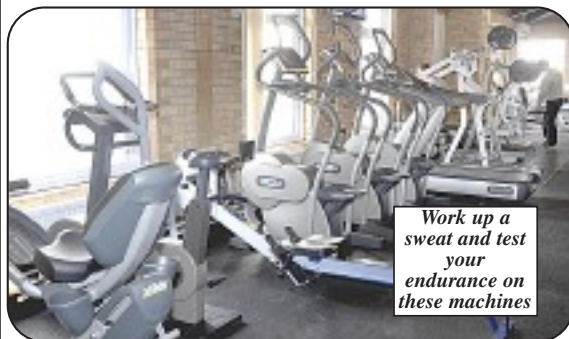
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Blockbuster fails to 'Transform' into an entertaining experience

It is fair to say that the multi-studies who found the first outing of the Transformers franchise a step above most summer blockbusters were let down badly by the second outing.

Too many computer effects, not enough time spent on a severely lacking script and jive-talking robots made *Rise Of The Fallen* a real disappointment, but hopes had been raised

for the third outing, subtitled *Dark Of The Moon*.

This time, the Autobots (or the good guys for those uninitiated) learn of a craft from their home planet of Cybertron that crash landed on the moon, and face a race against time to learn of its secrets before the Decepticons (or bad guys) get there – which would be bad news for Sam (Shia LaBeouf), his new girlfriend Carly (Rosie Huntington-

Whitely) and the rest of humanity... In the run up to the release of *Dark Of The Moon*, director Michael Bay claimed that not only had they learned the lessons of a sequel that even the cast slammed as being poor, but also that the 3D on show in this film would be the best example yet of how far this new technology can go.

You can only assume that should Mr Bay tell you it was raining outside, you would need to go to the window and

check, as his above statements bear no resemblance to the shoddy, uninspired mess that is the final product.

Instead, he and screenwriter Ehren Kruger (writer of the maligned ... *Fallen*) have conspired to make something that manages to batter your brain, eyes and ears into bloody submission, leaving you a shell of the person you were when you entered the cinema 150 minutes previously.

The film is bad on so many levels, Bay making a film that survives on testosterone and CGI robot smackdowns alone, paying scant regard for those essential elements that make films great – story and performances.

Certainly he delivers on the histrionic carnage front, as robot tears into robot with glorious abandon, but the set pieces lack any invention or real flair, and could have simply been cut off from the previous outings.

Similarly, the 3D use adds depth of vision but does nothing to warrant Bay's pre-release triumphing of the format.

While Bay's direction delivers brawn rather than brains, Ehren Kruger's script delivers neither. While using the 1969 moon landing as the launch pad for the story is a clever idea, it

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

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soon runs out of steam and degenerates into the traditional good versus evil, while the more intriguing elements are soon buried to make way for more simplistic storytelling.

The performances fail to enliven things either, ranging from poor to downright abysmal. Shia LaBeouf is a likeable enough performer but here he seems to vary from either overacting or shouting very loudly.

Rosie Huntington-Whitely deserves a little bit of credit in her first big screen outing, but her performance mainly consists of figure hugging dresses and pout-

ing – it's as if Megan Fox had never gone away!

Only John Turturro and Frances McDormand offer anything resembling decent performances, but even they are dragged down by their surroundings, the pair no doubt enjoying the financial benefits of the blockbuster without having to put in their usual workload.

With the film having achieved box office of more than \$150 million in its first five days in America alone, there is every chance that there will be another installment for the franchise.

However, if it is to regain any critical baubles, then a new vision is needed as is an ability to marry up intelligence and spectacle, as *Dark Of The Moon* is as creatively bankrupt an exercise as it is possible to see, and makes for a truly unpleasant viewing experience.

VERDICT: A point-less effort that succeeds only in smashing your senses to smithereens, *Transformers: Dark Of The Moon* is a truly abysmal film. Michael Bay's sledgehammer direction and weak performances merely put the cherry on the top of this foul tasting cake. Avoid at all costs.

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The summer sun shines on Mair's Walk as Bridgend steps out to support Velindre

QUITE a few people must have sat down with a cold drink to watch the Wimbledon final last Sunday, but some had more reason to rest than others.

After all, if you spent the morning walking from Bridgend town centre all the way out to Ogmere on 'Mair's Walk', you had a very good reason to put your feet up!

The walk is now established as a regular fixture on the Bridgend calendar, and this year it was led by TV weathergirl Sian Lloyd.

First Minister Carwyn Jones also donned his charity T-shirt and worked up a sweat – and it was all in aid of Velindre Hospital!

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ABOVE: Babies on board!



ABOVE: First Minister Carwyn Jones finds his way across the stepping stones.



'TIME IS RIGHT FOR A MARINA IN TOWN!'

THE development of a marina in Barry is now a realistic objective, a leading regeneration campaigner has told The GEM.

Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry, said the project would change perceptions of the town and could be the present generation's gift to people of the future.

Mr Haley told The GEM: "I am very optimistic about the future of Barry regeneration.

"The £9m that we first got is being used effectively, and I believe will provide leverage for more money to come into the town.

"But there has to be the aspiration for something really big: something that will act as a catalyst to how Barry is viewed, and that would

be a marina at the Waterfront.

"I have spoken to a number of people and they are positive and enthusiastic. I have yet to come across someone who has said: 'You can't do that.'"

Mr Haley's comments have to be taken seriously. For years the town had good reason to feel neglected, with significant regeneration funds going elsewhere in Wales until a campaign by Pride in Barry helped deliver £9m and 'regeneration' status.

Mr Haley said a marina would create jobs, generate revenue through moorings, and provide a centre-piece for the Waterfront development.

He explained: "It is now the right time to press the case while the town is a regeneration area."

by TIM CHAPMAN

The critical requirement in order for a marina to go ahead is a 'locking mechanism' to allow boats in and out of the dock efficiently and the cost would be £20m.

Mr Haley believes that there is potential for five partners - the Welsh Government, the Vale Council, Persimmon, Associated British Ports and central government - to provide £4m each. The prize would be a contribution to the economic and cultural life of the town for decades.

Mr Haley believes that bite sized chunks of funding from a number of parties makes the project attractive and realistic.

He explained: "It would be the legacy of this generation to the future of Barry, and could be the longest lasting of all the regeneration projects."

Waterside developments have become popular ways across the country of generating local economic activity. So much so, that a Northamptonshire town is even considering plans to bring the water to them!

The Grand Union canal runs within two

and a half miles of Daventry and the district council wants to build a spur off it so that boats and barges can be moored in a waterside area in the town with shops and restaurants alongside it which will attract visitors.

Barry may need a 'locking mechanism' but in other respects the infrastructure and water is already there.

Mr Haley said that his dream was to one day see Barry as a self-sufficient town with its own facilities and major employers, so that people lived and worked locally rather than having to be commuters into Cardiff.

Today, Thursday, July 7, major planning applications for the £230m regeneration of the Waterfront, which include a new link road to Barry Island, a primary school, hotel, supermarket and a Waterfront area of cafes and restaurants, as well as 2,000 new homes, are being considered by the Vale's planning committee.

'OUTSTANDING'

The Vale Council emphasised that a marina would bring major economic benefits, and Rob Thomas, the head of planning explained that it had been in discussions with the other relevant

parties. The development of a marina in Barry would be an outstanding enhancement to the town, bringing new life, investment and opportunities to the Waterfront.

"Indeed, the council has previously looked in detail at the feasibility of providing a marina in Barry and has undertaken assessments as to the costs involved, as well as holding discussions with the then Welsh Assembly Government, Associated British Ports and the consortium who are seeking to redevelop Barry Waterfront."

Mr Thomas stressed: "The current proposals for the Waterfront exclude the area known as the Mole which is ideally located to take advantage of the dock and to maximise the use of the water for recreation and leisure."

"As a consequence any future proposals for the Mole will need to seriously consider and facilitate the use of the dock for recreation and water based activities."

Mr Thomas added: "The council will also continue to maximise opportunities for the dock area through its contribution to the work of the Barry Regeneration Board."

A new beginning for the Cowbridge Air Cadets team!



ABOVE: Flt Lt Liam Brace, OC No. 293Sqn, with CWO Tom Jackson and CWO Charlotte Chatfield.

NO. 293 (Cowbridge) Squadron, Air Training Corps has just seen two of its Cadets, Charlotte Chatfield and Tom Jackson, appointed to the rank of Cadet Warrant Officer, the highest cadet rank in the Corps.

The number of appointments is strictly controlled and CWOs constitute less than five percent of the Corps' 41,000 cadets nationwide.

Both CWOs Chatfield and Jackson are looking forward to a busy summer as 293 Sqn receives a new staff and commanding officer, Flt Lt Liam Brace.

CWO Jackson will attend a course at the Corps' adventure training centre in Llanbedr. The squadron is sending cadets to camps at RAF Linton-on-Ouse in Yorkshire and RAF Fairford in Gloucestershire for the Royal International Air Tattoo.

Squadron members will complete expeditions as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and will also have the chance to experience sub-aqua diving, in addition to more

typical forms of adventure training.

Others will travel to Bisley in Oxfordshire to compete in tri-services shooting competitions.

In the coming weeks, the squadron will soon host a First Aid at work course and a defibrillator course, with a limited number of places available to the public. Those interested should call Flt Lt Liam Brace on (07506) 892222.

The Squadron is always eager to recruit new members. It is open to all boys and girls aged between 13 and 18 who think they might be interested in doing things a little bit out of the ordinary in their spare time.

Activities include flying and gliding experience and training, a wide range of adventure training opportunities ranging from Nordic skiing to parachuting, target shooting, sports, leadership and field training and a new classroom-based training syllabus which gives a foundation for enjoying the practical activities and can lead to BTEC qualifications in Public Services and Aviation Studies. **JMW**

Turkish locals face charges in connection with fatal accident

THE parents of a nine-year-old Vale child who lost her life on holiday in Turkey will be in court this week to see those responsible face criminal charges.

Nearly 12 months after nine-year-old Cerys Potter from Llanfarcwm died in a tragic white water rafting incident, a trial is set to start later this week in Mugla, Turkey.

Her parents, Terry and Julie Potter, have travelled to Turkey to hear the charges read and are hoping that the trial will highlight the risks facing tourists who use unregulated rafting excursions.

Terry Potter said: "The pressure that we have put on the Turkish prosecutor seems to be having some effect. Two raft guides and two raft company owners will face criminal charges arising from Cerys' death."

"I believe that this has only happened as a result of the help and support from everyone in the UK and particularly those who wrote to the Turkish Tourist Authority as part of the campaign."

Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who has been working with the family since the incident, said that he was pleased that the prosecutions are taking place but it was more important that people were made aware of the risks.

He said: "Clearly, we

have seen a huge amount of pressure on the Turkish authorities. I believe that the pressure on the Consulate in London and on the Tourist Authority will have been key.

"We need to continue our focus on highlighting the risks to people who are travelling to areas that offer rafting and other dangerous excursions."

"Thomson Holidays has now changed its guidance and it is essential that people should only book such activities with companies that have properly qualified people operating them."

Terry Potter said: "A charity has been set up in Cerys's memory. We have a number of events coming up over the next few months, and these will also bring attention to the risks to holiday makers in Turkey."

"All cash raised will be used to provide music, drama and dance tuition to kids who would not otherwise be able to enjoy these activities."

Cerys lost her life on a trip organised by Marmaris Rafting. Terry Potter said: "Despite the pending charges, it appears that Marmaris rafting is still operating and still taking young kids on a trip which is much too dangerous for any child."

"I was in Turkey at the beginning of June with an ITV film crew and we filmed at the rafting company's base camp."

AT the community council meeting held at All Saints, Southerndown, on June 13, Police Constable Colin Malone gave the crime figures for the area as follows:

Criminal damage to property in St Brides Major; a theft of golf balls from Southerndown Golf Club; theft of a camera at Southerndown Beach; a drug offence at Southerndown.

AT the recent PACT meeting it was stated that camping at the Ogmores-by-sea car park would be kept under surveillance. A letter is to be sent to the Vale by the Police regarding maintenance of speed bumps at Ogmores-by-sea car park.

REGARDING a letter from Jane Hutt, AM, it was reported that the Dunraven Estates may be willing to make an area of land available in Southerndown for allotments; Clerk to write requesting more details.

MEMBERSHIP to Friends of the Heritage Coast renewed for the year at £25. THE Working Group reported that they will consider the suggestion that seats be placed in the bus shelters and that the council finance a new playground in Ogmores-by-sea. Donations of £75 were made to Mencap Cymru and Ogmores-by-sea Retired Residents

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Association.

IT was noted that the Pant Quarry is planning to extend the boundary on the western side and that the Liaison Officer would gather information regarding existing planning permissions advising the quarry owners of local objections and ask for a public meeting to be arranged. **GRASS cutting alongside Pitcot Pool needs more attention, particularly around the well area. Gorse cutting on the common has not been cut as widely as in past years.**

PLANNING - Welsh Assembly Planning Inspectorate review of a previously refused application for development of land adjacent to the Old Post Office, St. Brides Major.

It was stated that a submission to the Inspectorate had been made confirming the original submission made by the Community Council to the Vale prior to their decision to refuse the application.

In summary, over-development and impact on the street scene, surrounding footpaths and congestion around the school entrance route. **Objections to extension and alterations to existing detached dormer bungalow at 29 Main Road, Ogmores-by-sea - over-development and impact on street scene, additional bedrooms will increase load on the sewerage system.**

No objections to change of use of existing barn at Slade Farm, Southerndown, into two short-term holiday units.

No objection to replacement conservatory at 63 Craig-yr-Eos Road, Ogmores-by-Sea.

Applications approved by the Vale: Tusker Coach House, extension. Sealands Farm, multi-purpose building; 34 West Farm Road, alteration to existing extension.

Date of next Community Council meeting is July 11, at 7 pm in All Saints, Southerndown. All are welcome to attend. DON'T FORGET the barn dance on July 15 at 7.30pm at Pitcot Farm. IT has been brought to notice that a family pet cat in the village was caught in a snare and so badly injured it had to be put down. A very upsetting thing to happen and also it is against the law to use snares. How cruel.

Air Cadets rally for Civic Sunday



ABOVE: Cadets at Civic Sunday in Cowbridge last weekend.

AIR Cadets from No 3 Welsh Wing represented the Air Training Corps in the Civic Sunday parade in Cowbridge.

Many members of the town's squadron, No 293, were engaged in other activities and commitments, so its numbers were supplemented by volunteers from No 1092 (Bridgend) and No 2227 (Mid Gwendreath) Squadrons.

The Cowbridge squadron is, however, determined that in future such augmentation should not be necessary and its new and enthusiastic staff is embarking on a search for new recruits.

The squadron is looking for boys and girls, aged 13-18, who may be interested in aviation, adventure training, sports, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and leadership and cit-

izenship training that may lead to NVQ and other nationally-recognised qualifications.

Although the ATC is sponsored in part by the Royal Air Force, there is no commitment to join the armed services, though prior membership of the Corps is seen as a definite advantage to those who wish to join.

Over 50 per cent of RAF aircrew are former air cadets, as are 17 per cent of Army officers.

The squadron parades on Monday and Thursday evenings, between 19.00hrs and 21.15hrs at their headquarters just off Aberthorn Road, near Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

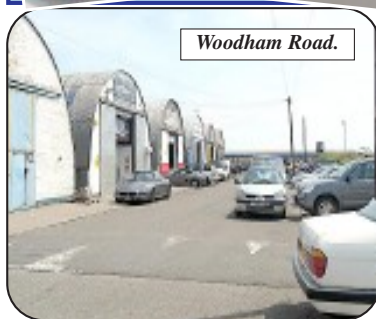
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Between them, Jeff and John have more than 31 years' experience at BMW, but craved the excitement of running their own business.

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John said: "We do everything! MoT work, twenty four hour recovery, diagnostic work and all kinds of servicing."

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"Now we do work on all cars from servicing and preparing for MoTs to major restoration work. Over the years, we've built up a loyal clientele."

Now that fewer people are buying new cars and are keen to ensure their current model is serviced properly, Garth points out that local auto centres and garages are getting the benefit of extra work.

FAMILY-RUN
BJ Potter and Sons

styles itself as 'commercial vehicle repair', and is a family run business, that has increased the size of its services as the years have gone by.

Brian, the owner, said: "We opened five years ago concentrating on commercial vehicles, but introduced an MoT station three and a half years ago."

Now the spectrum of vehicles the firm services or does maintenance on is huge – from HGV vehicles capable of carrying loads of up to 44 tonnes to small runaround cars.

Sons Michael and Gareth supervise the HGV side of the business, while the mechanic Glyn keeps an eye on smaller vehicles.

Brian added: "If anybody in Barry needs an MoT or servicing, or diagnostics done on a minibus, class 7 van or a car, they can come here. The only thing we don't do is motorbikes!"

CAMARADERIE
One of the great benefits of businesses locating to Woodham Road is the camaraderie between the businesses, to the extent that, if required, they can

call on one another's expertise.

Accident Solutions Barry Ltd even took the time out to sort out a mechanical problem on a GEM car!

BANTER

The local camaraderie is something that Denise Taylor of Denise's Cafe stresses: "All the people get on and there's a good community atmosphere."

"We have a wide range of customers from the people who work locally, to people dropping off vehicles or cars to be serviced to those passing by."

With all cafes, there's lots of banter from the locals and Denise joked: "Sometimes I feel like I'm married to most of them!"

The strength of the business is that it is family run – "We all muck in," says Denise – with husband Nicholas and son Steven involved too.

The cafe, which has operated for 15 years, is open from 8am to 3pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

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ABOVE: Jeff, Ryan and John of Accident Solutions Barry Ltd.



ABOVE: Denise's Cafe supplies a wide range of meals and snacks to local businesses.



ABOVE: A vehicle being serviced at Permoveo.



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The cafe's van criss-crosses Barry delivering a wide range of food to a number of the trading estates.

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Pictured above: Phil of Church Motors.

The cafe also does the popular all-day breakfast, baguettes, wraps, sandwiches, and four 'special' meals a day.

Amazingly, Denise also finds time to provide business lunches and buffets in the town. Woodham Road is full of local people serving the people of Barry and the rest of the Vale.

As one trader said: "Why people ever go and pay the high prices charged outside the Vale, I don't know." Quite!

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STAFF and tutors at Barry adult and community learning centres are busy preparing for their biggest event of the year – the annual art and craft exhibition at Palmerston Community learning centre from today, July 7-9.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the success of learners attending a variety of adult and

community learning courses in the Barry area.

There will be a diverse range of art work on display in the free event by learners who have attended drawing and painting classes in various media.

Other exhibits include digital photography, textiles and glassware.

For more information, contact Palmerston centre on 01446 733762 or email palmerstoncentre@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Jens Ruge who attends the stained glass workshop at Barry community centre on Monday evenings.

Barry Adult & Community Learning Annual Art & Craft Exhibition 2011

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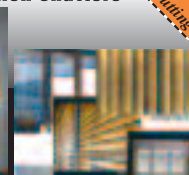
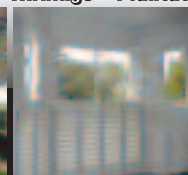
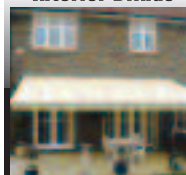
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Family night

SATURDAY, July 9 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Barry, is family night featuring the Atlanta Choir and Bethesda Community Choir; clowns and family entertainment. Ticket £5, £2 concessions.

WI show

THE Glamorgan WI Show is being held on

Saturday, July 9 from 10am-5pm in the North Cornelly Community Centre.

The theme of the show is 'Music Box' with 20 different classes and over 1,600 entries will be judged.

Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery between 10am-11am on Saturday, July 9, in the Daniel Street and Heol-y-Nant area of Barry.

For further information, please telephone Coun Bertin on 01446 736227;

or email rjbertin@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Plaid surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to an advice surgery by Plaid councillors Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw (joined by Keith Stoddale) at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry from 11am-12noon on Saturday, July 9.

No appointments are necessary.

Vale AM's surgery

VALE Assembly member Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, July 9 from 10am-12noon at 115 High Street, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

For further information, please call the constituency office on 01446 740981.

Open day

TO mark their first anniversary, Park Independent Funeral Directors holds an open day on Saturday, July 9 at 11am.

The new community garden, supported by The New Jerusalem Church on Tynnewydd Road, is a place to relax and remember loved ones.

It will be opened at 2pm by Barry Town Mayor, Coun Bronwen Brooks.

Church coffee

ALL Saints Church, Park Road, Barry, is holding a coffee morning in the church hall on Saturday, July 9 at 10.30am until 12noon, to raise vital funds for

the continuing maintenance of the church.

Large book stall, cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola, guess the weight of the cake and much more. Entrance 50p, includes cup of tea or coffee. All welcome.

Stained glass

THERE is a chance to learn the art of stained glass craft at the *Berwyn Centre*, Nantymoel, on Saturday, July 9 from 12pm-3pm.

Looking good for charity

ON July 10 and 17, Bon Marche in Holton Road, Barry, is holding a 30 per cent day for WI members, families and friends.

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Equestrian centre's

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Cream tea

ST DONAT'S church is holding a cream tea with strawberries at the Old Vicarage, Llantwit Major, on Sunday, July 10 from 3pm-5.30pm.

Tickets £5 (children £1). There will be live music and stalls. Proceeds to Christian Blind Mission and St Donat's Church.

All Saints' fundraising

ON Sunday, July 10 at 10am, All Saints Church, Victoria Square, is holding a family 'Book Sunday' service when a book will be presented to each of the children and young people of the church to mark the end of the school year.

From 12noon, there will be a barbecue in the square to raise funds for the church conversion project to enable All Saints to be opened up for parish and community use throughout the week.

All Saints Church is holding a strawberry tea with raffle and bric-a-brac stall on Saturday, July 16 between 3pm-5pm in the Main Hall, Victoria Square. Admission £4. All proceeds to the church fund.

Fibromyalgia support

THE Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia support group's monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 between 11am-1pm.

Please contact the group leader, Barbara Clissett on 0844 345 5813 for further details. Calls are charged at the standard rate.

Blood donors

THE Welsh Blood Service will hold the following donor sessions in Porthcawl: July 13, 14, 15 - Trinity Church Centre, John Street, Porthcawl (10am-6pm).

For a comprehensive list of all blood donation sessions, visit www.welshblood.org.uk or call 0800 252266.

Church open days

TRINITY Methodist Church in Stanwell Road, Penarth, will be opening its doors on July 14, 15 and 16 between 10.30am-4.30pm.

A leaflet giving some information about this beautiful building will be available and information about the stained glass windows and the organ can be viewed within the church.

The church's organists will be playing on all three days: Thursday, 11am-12.30pm and 2.30pm-4pm; Friday, 2.30pm-3.30pm; Saturday, 10.30am-12noon.

Carers' course

A FREE six-week NHS course for carers starts at Barry Library on Tuesday, July 19 from 10am-

12.30pm.

'Wales: A walk through time - Flat Holm to Brecon' - book signing

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The walk resumes on the mainland at East Aberthaw and follows the southern coast to Barry and Cardiff Bay, heading through the city to Caerphilly and the valleys, on to Brecon Beacons National Park.

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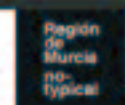
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Organisers Rusty Fone and Cynthia John thank everyone who donated and helped to make it such a successful day. It which raised £2,170, half of which will go to the branch for Motor Neurone Disease in Cardiff to help local people who are suffering with this dreadful disease.

The other half of the money will go towards research into the causes.

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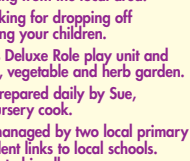
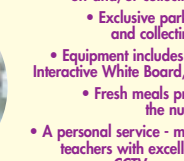
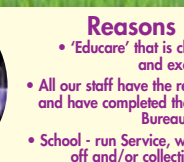


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As ever, the dessert counter is stocked full of Claire's delicious cakes (which are not available anywhere else!) - all packed full of cream and calories, not to be missed. All of Claire's cakes and desserts can also be ordered whole to take away to enjoy at home (or at the office!)

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Going global at Barry Comprehensive!

LAST WEEK, students at Barry Comprehensive School were encouraged to 'Go Global' by focussing on the 'big picture' of global connections and links.

The aim of the week was to encourage students to go beyond Google – the logical first step for most of us when asked to research the unknown – and to really question diversity, culture and our own decision and choices.

Serious issues were raised throughout the week, but students were also able to enjoy exploring our links and connections.

The week's activities, which had been months in the planning, offered students a wide range of experiences from across the curriculum.

As well as the lessons, workshops and discussions in the classroom, delivered with the help of year-12 students, there were several opportunities further a field.

As usual, geographers

relished the opportunity to carry out some 'field-work' at Cadburys World. Here students focused on the globalisation of chocolate, doing some quality control as part of their work.

On June 24, year-6 pupils spent the day at the school in preparation for their move into year-7 in September. The year-6 boys spent most of the day following a normal timetable of lessons to help them get used to life at comprehensive school, but they were also drafted into the ambitious 'Go Global' event – an attempt to set a new world record for the most competitors in a three-legged race.

The existing record of 936 competitors was difficult to beat but students and staff rose to the challenge and 952 runners crossed the finish line.

We were joined by Alun Cairns MP and Colin Jones, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who volunteered to drop the flag to signal the start of the race.

The school also welcomed David Wood and the ITV cameras for the

day, with the story making a live lunchtime bulletin and the evening news. Some familiar faces posing as tigers gave some very eloquent interviews...

Finally, on June 25,

Barry Town hosted the National Eisteddfod proclamation procession. The day was a great celebration of Welsh culture with folk dancing and traditional song being very much part

of the celebration.

However, there was a modern slant, with street dancing and younger performers. Ashley Bolt proudly represented Barry Comprehensive School in the procession,

alongside newly-appointed head of Welsh, Anwen Jones.

The opportunity for students to celebrate their own cultural identity felt like a very fitting end to 'Go Global'

And they're off!



Caution - scientists at work!



David Wood reporting live for the ITV lunchtime bulletin.



Year 6 pupils get creative in Design Technology.



Year-6 pupils making good progress



Lunch time is always a favourite!



Sixth Form students helped organise the event and also took part.



ITV Wales filmed the whole event.



Tigers on the prowl.



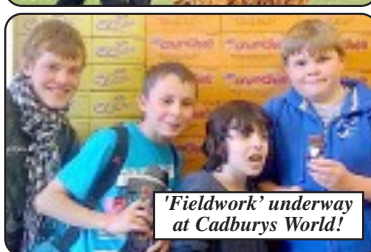
Year-6 pupils preparing for a record attempt.



3 legged race entrants wait patiently at the start line.



'Fieldwork' underway at Cadburys World!



Year-6 making some noise in the Music Dept.



All Saints pupils learn about nature



THE year-2 pupils of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School have been studying wildlife habitats this term and they recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast at Dunraven Park, Southerndown.

The rangers, Belinda and Paul, gave the children a warm welcome on arrival. Paul took them on a history tour of the gardens and explained how things were done in Victorian times to combat the rigours of nature.

After a picnic lunch, the children were allowed to explore the seashore and marvel at the diversity of life they discovered in the rock pools.

Belinda and Paul demonstrated how to handle the creatures safely, especially the crabs, to respect them as living things and to return them gently to their habitats.

The pupils had an important lesson in the fragility of the natural world and the importance of conservation.

They had a wonderful day and teachers, Mrs Evans and Mrs Martin, warmly thanked Paul and Belinda for a fantastic outdoor learning experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by adults and pupils alike.

OFFICIAL OPENING

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, Barry, held an official opening for its large new extension and also celebrated the school's 25th anniversary.

The special ceremony took place yesterday (Wednesday, July 6) and was attended by Archbishop Barry Morgan and other local dignitaries.



NEWYDDION YSGOL GYMRAEG SANT CURIG Barry school's pupils spend a day at Wales' top indoor sporting centre!

IT has been a very busy week for pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig; first we had sports day, where children from the junior department visited the National Indoor Athletic Centre at UWIC.

Three coaches were organised to transport more than 200 children and staff into Cardiff. Once there, the children were able to use the hurdles, shot putt, long jump and the high jump.

The afternoon was where the real action began, with the four houses competing. With the result in the balance right up until the last race, the Hafren house won for the second year running.

Our thanks go to Rhian Samuel and Cath Jones for organising the day.

Mrs Cross and her team organised the sports day for the infants, which was held on the school grounds. The children took part in an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and the traditional sprint.

Miss Nina Davies has also been busy with a lunchtime club called 'In

The Zone', and organised several exciting activities for the children to take part in at lunchtime, which has transformed this time of day into a vibrant and lively experience.

Several children from the junior department have been trained as 'friends' to run these activities.

"It's been great learning how to coach these games to the younger children," said Caitlin Davey, a pupil in year-5. "Everyone seems to really enjoy lunchtimes now, they were pretty boring before!"

Finally, pupils from the school each paid £1 to dress in red, white and green (above right) to raise money for the National Eisteddfod, which comes to the Vale in August 2012.

The school would like to thank the parents for their continued support with these events.

CYNHALIWDYD ein mabolgampau eleni ar dir yr ysgol a hefyd yng Nghanolfan Cenedlaethol Athletau yn APCC, Caerdydd. Cystadlu brwd oedd ar y fwydlen



ond hefyd mwynhad a hwyl.

Diolchwn yn fawr i Rhian Samuel a Cath Jones am drefnu APCC a hefyd i Mrs Cross a'i thim am drefnu mabolgampau'r babanod.

Hoffai'r ysgol hefyd ddolch yn fawr iawn i Miss Nina Davies am drawsnewid naws amser cinio. Cyflwynwyd cynllun 'Yn Y Parth' i'r plant.

Pwmpas y cynllun yw i ddarparu gweithgareddau bywiog, diddorol i'r plant cael gwneud yn ystod amser cinio. Rhedwyd y cynllun gan y plant, ac mae hi wedi bod yn llwyddiant

ysgubol hyd yn hyn.

Yn olaf hoffwn ddiolch i'r plant a'u rhieni am gasglu dros £300 tuag at apel yr Eisteddfod Genedlaethol sydd yn dod i'r Fro ym

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Fe wisgodd y plant mewn lliwiau coch, gwyn a gwyrdd am y dydd a chasglwyd £1 oddi wrthynt am wneud hynny.



Budding Rhoose lifeguards have busy time!

ON Sunday, June 19, the Nipper section of Rhoose Lifeguard Club competed at the Mumbles Nipper Carnival at Caswell Bay, Swansea.

A team of 24 Nippers performed extremely well in their first carnival of the year, gaining third place overall.

Congratulations to Liz Wong and Alan Wadey for managing the team.

Medal winners were: Evie Wong – Bronze, 8yr girls Run Wade Run – Silver, 8yr girls Sprint – Bronze, 8yr girls Long Run – Silver, 8yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Emily Parker – Bronze, 8yr girls Board Race; Kiera Harris – Bronze, 8yr girls Beach Flags.

Brooke Peterson – Gold, 9yr girls Sprint – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Alisha Hayes – Silver, 10yr girls Sprint – Gold, 10yr girls Long Run – Silver, 10yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Jessica Wadey – Silver, 11yr girls Run Swim Run – Gold, 11yr girls Board Race – Silver, 11yr girls Sprint – Silver, 11yr girls Long Run – Gold, 11yr girls Beach Flags; Ellie Peterson – Gold, 11yr girls Sprint – Silver, 11yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Emily Price – Bronze, 11yr girls Long Run; Georgia Wall – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Kelsea Peterson – Silver, 13yr girls Board Race – Silver, girls Super Nipper – Silver 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, 13yr girls Long Run – Gold, 13yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Kate Griffin – Bronze, 13yr girls Long Run.

Sam Griffin – Silver, 9yr boys Long Run – Silver, 9yr boys Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong – Silver, 10yr boys Run Wade Run – Gold, 10yr boys Board Race.

Alfie Davies – Bronze, 11yr boys Board Race – Bronze 11yr boys Sprint – Bronze, 11yr boys Long Run – Bronze, 11yr boys Beach Flags.

Rhys Gardner – Silver, 12yr boys Beach Flags. Georgia Wall – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Congratulations to four Rhoose Lifeguard Club members, Chad Bremner, Luis Evans, Luke Giddings and Teg Young, who gained their NaRS (National Rescue Standard) Beach Lifeguard Bronze qualification and to Lucy Curtis and Jack Giddings on renewing their NaRS qualification.

The awards not only indicate that these members have the skills necessary to become fully qualified beach lifeguards but also allows them to compete competitively for Great Britain in numerous lifesaving championships around the world. Well done to you all and thank you for your enthusiasm, determination to succeed and your commitment to the club.

A team of 27 club members braved the elements last Saturday to compete in the Sker Junior and Master Carnival at Coney Beach, Porthcawl.

The weather was appalling, but the team gave an excellent performance in all ages to take the overall trophy.

Also over last weekend, the Nipper section of the club competed in the Llantwit Major Nipper Carnival on Barry Island.

The weather was much kinder to the Nippers and the children performed brilliantly gaining second place, losing out to Penybont. Congratulations to the team managers, Kath and Jon Hayes (Beach) and Liz Wong (Sea) on a brilliant team performance.

Medal winners were: Evie Wong – Bronze, 8yr girls Run Wade Run – Gold, 8yr girls Board Race – Bronze 8yr girls Sprint – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Gold, 8yr girls Beach Flags; Emily Parker – Silver, 8yr girls Board Race; Kiera Harris – Bronze, 8yr girls Board Race; Katelyn Knowles – Bronze, 8yr girls Long Run.

Brook Peterson – Gold, 9yr girls Sprint – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Gold, 9yr girls Long Run – Silver, 9yr girls Beach Flags.

Alisha Hayes – Bronze, 10yr girls Board Race – Bronze 10yr girls Sprint – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Silver, 10yr girls Long Run – Silver 10yr girls Beach Flags.

Jessica Wadey – Gold, 11yr girls Sprint – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Gold, 11yr girls Long Run – Gold, girls 11yr girls Beach Flags; Ellie Peterson – Silver, 11yr girls Sprint – Silver, Taplin Relay (11yr) – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Silver, 11yr girls Long Run – Silver, girls 11yr girls Beach Flags.

Sophia Strinati – Gold, 12yr girls Run Swim Run – Silver, 12yr Board Race – Silver, Taplin Relay (12yr).

Kelsey Peterson – Bronze, 13yr girls Board Race – Gold, 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, Taplin Relay (13yr) – Silver, girls Sprint Relay – Bronze, 13yr girls Long Run – Gold, 13yr girls Beach Flags; Kate Griffin – Bronze, 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, 13yr girls Long Run.

Cian Davies – Silver, 9yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 9yr boys Beach Flags; Sam Griffin – Silver, 9yr boys Sprint – Silver, 9yr boys Long Run – Silver, 9yr boys Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong – Bronze, 10yr boys Run Wade Run – Gold, 10yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 10yr boys Beach Flags.

Alfie Davies – Bronze, 11yr boys Long Run; Andrew Lewis – Gold, 11yr boys Long Run.

Rhys Gardner – Bronze, 12yr boys Run Swim Run – Bronze, 12yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 12yr

boys Long Run.

Alex Parry – Silver, 13yr boys Board Race. A spokesperson from the club added: "I would like to congratulate all the Nippers that competed in the Mumbles and Llantwit Major Carnivals, they did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun also.

"Even though some of the children did not get a medal, their involvement in the team made a massive contribution to the final results – well done."

The club would like to thank the parents of the Nippers for their support at competitions and during training sessions, and also to the various sponsors of the club for their continued generosity in helping to provide craft and equipment to train these future lifeguards.

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WALKERS SWELTER IN THE SUNDAY HEAT AS THEY TACKLE MAIR'S WALK

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Since cancer survivor Mair ap Gruffydd started Mair's Walk to raise money for Velindre Lung Cancer Unit, the event has been a huge success, and this year TV weather girl Sian Lloyd led the way.



Sponsored walkers made their way on Sunday morning from the centre of Bridgend to Ogmere-by-Sea, crossing the famous stepping stones. For more about the charity, visit www.mairs-walk.co.uk



COWBRIDGE PROVIDES SOME POMP AND CEREMONY FOR MAYOR'S CIVIC SUNDAY

THE civic service of the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is always marked with a degree of ceremony, and this year was no exception.

The mayor, Coun Andy Banks and his wife Gill welcomed many of their counterparts from around the Vale and Bridgend county to the town.

A service in Holy Cross Church was followed by a parade along the main street, with the Mace Bearers (right) leading the parade, with the mayor and mayoress at its head.

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ABOVE:
Porthcawl Mayor Coun Barbara Stubbs.

A Barry welcome for the 2012 Eisteddfod! Barry pupils celebrate being Welsh – and also boost Eisteddfod



THE recent proclamation ceremony in Barry formally announced that the Vale would stage the 2012 National Eisteddfod in August 2012 at Llandow.

The event was stongly supported by local schools, and all day long there were outstanding performances from school choirs, dance groups and singers.



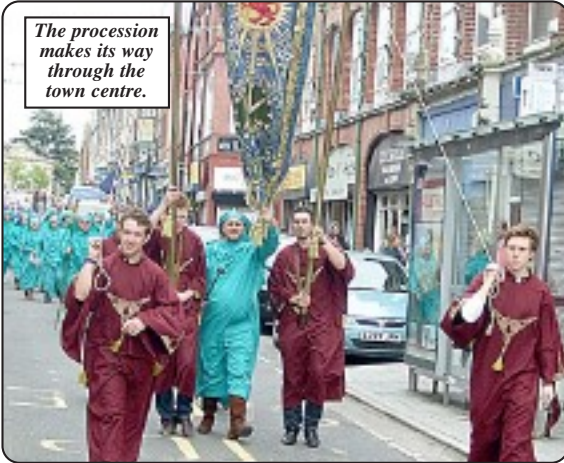
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BARRY Island Primary school held a special Welsh day on June 23, when the whole school participated in Welsh activities.

Everyone dressed in red, white and green to celebrate being Welsh, and school cook Mrs Mouti made delicious Welsh cakes.

It raised money for the National Eisteddfod which is coming to the Vale at Llandow in 2012. "Llio from the Urdd visited to tell us all about Mr Urdd – we played lots of fun games with her and even learnt the Mr Urdd song and dance." "Diolch to all the parents and children who helped us to raise more than £100," said a school spokesperson.



The procession makes its way through the town centre.



Some of the girls who performed the traditional flower dance.



BRYN HAFREN'S GIRLS RECYCLE CHARITY CLOTHES INTO FAB FASHION ITEMS!

BRYN Hafren girls school recently held a fashion show on behalf of George Thomas Hospice Care and raised £200.

"What made this fashion show unique was that they selected clothes from our charity shop on Holton Road and recycled them to make some amazingly fashionable pieces," said spokesman Nicky Piper.

"More than 60 students modelled and some brilliant designs were on display. Not only were clothes recycled, but some unusual materials were used, such as crisp packets, balloons, black bags, silver foil, to name a few! Could Barry possibly have the next Julien McDonald?"

"Many thanks to textiles teacher Kate Morgan for organising the show," Nicky added. The charity cares for 300 patients with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in the Vale and Cardiff.

RIGHT: The Bryn Hafren girls strike a pose.



'Let us entertain you!' The Barry Scouts and Guides fete proves a winner at Romilly Park

ON Saturday, July 2, under blue skies and in warm sunshine The Barry Scouts and Guides fete was held at Romilly Park.

There were the traditional arena events for the scouts and guides, including the usual marching bands, along with the thrills of motorbike stunt riders and a 'field gun' display.

As you can see from Paul Jones's images, it proved a popular day out for members of the community both young, and a little older!

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YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG HAS A 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER TO REMEMBER

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(A dinner dance celebrating a historic landmark for education in the Vale – the school's 10th anniversary – was celebrated in style at the bay-side venue of St David's Hotel in Cardiff, see pictures immediate right).

John Hartson's Visit

YEARS 7 and 8 pupils were delighted to meet Welsh footballing great John Hartson recently.

They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with him, learning a great deal about his career and his battle with illness.

An Important Event

ON June 25, many pupils and staff participated in the National Eisteddfod's proclamation ceremony.

The Eisteddfod will be held in August 2012. Following a parade through the streets of Barry, the ceremony took place in Gladstone Gardens.



URDD WINNERS PREPARE FOR SCHOLARSHIP BID!

Ellen yn camu ymlaen at Ysgol Oriath Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel!

MAE'R gantores ddawnus, Ellen Angharad Williams o'r Bontfaen, Bro Morgannwg yn un o wyth o enillwyr Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Abertawe a'r Fro sy'n prysur baratoi i gystadlu am un o brif wobrau celfyddydol iuennid Cymru sef Ysgoloriaeth Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel.

Bydd yr wyth cystadleuwyd disglair yn ymgiprys am wobwr hael o £4,000. Enillodd Ellen, 20 yr Unawd Alaw Werin i'r rhai rhwng 19 a 25 oed a chyn y cyngerdd - a fydd yn penderfynu pwy fydd yn hawlio'r Ysgoloriaeth - a gynhelir yn Stiwdio'r Ddraig, Pencoed ger Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr nos Sul 25ain o Fedi am 18.15 bydd cyfle i Ellen gael gwers gan un o feistri'r byd cerdd yng Nghymru.

Mae Ellen yn astudio Ffrangeg, Sbaeneg ac Almaeneg ym Mhrifysgol Exeter a bydd yn ymgartrefu yn Oviedo yn Sbaen ym mis Medi, fel rhan o'i chwrs.

"Yn gyntaf oll, mae'n ffrainc cael bod yn rhan o'r Ysgoloriaeth. Rwy'n gyffrous iawn am yr holl gystadlu a'r paratoadau ar gyfer y dosbarthiadau meistr ac yn edrych ymlaen at gwrrd a'r enillwyr eraill," medd Ellen, sydd a'i bryd ar wneud cwrs ôl-radd mewn Coleg Cerdd a dilyn gyrfa fel cantores broffesiynol.

"Byddai'r Ysgoloriaeth yn fy ngalluogi i gael gwersi canu a hefyd gwersi Eidalaidd, fyddai o gymorth i mi fel cantores ac yn fy mharatoi ar gyfer clyweliadau mewn Colegau Cerdd."

Yn ogystal a'r wobwr ariannol, mae'r Ysgoloriaeth hefyd yn cyflwynu enw'r enillydd gydag un o sêr amlycaf y byd perfformio heddiw, sef Bryn Terfel. Mae'r canwr o Bantglas yn credu fod y gystadlaethau eleni eto yn un sy'n sicrhau ennyd cryn ddiddordeb.

Meddai Bryn Terfel: "Unwaith eto, mae'r rhai sy'n cystadlu am yr Ysgoloriaeth eleni yn griw talentod dros ben ac yn llysgenhadow gwyb dros Gymru. Gyda'r safon mor uchel, mae'r Cyngerdd yn sicrhau fod yn noson wych o adloniant cerddorol a gwledol ac rwy'n dymuno'n dda iawn i'r wyth cystadleuwyd."

Yr wyth fydd yn cystadlu fydd: Ellen Angharad Williams o'r Bontfaen. Enillydd yr Unawd Alaw Werin 19 - 25; Ellen Angharad Morgan o Landysul. Enillydd y Cyflwyniad Dramatig 19 - 25; Rhian Mair Davies o Bencader. Enillydd y Llefaru Unigol 19 - 25; Glain Dafydd o



ABOVE: Ellen Williams of Cowbridge.

Fangor. Enillydd Unawd Offerynnol 19 - 25; Huw Ynyr Evans o Rydyman. Enillydd Unawd Cerdd Dant 19 - 25; Anna Pardanjan o Abergel. Enillydd Dawns Unigol i Ferched Bl 10 a dan 25; Steffan Jones o Gaerdydd. Enillydd Unawd 19 - 25; Sian Crisp o Gaernarfon. Enillydd Unawd o Sioe Gerdd 19 - 25.

Mae tocynnau ar gyfer y Cyngerdd yr Ysgoloriaeth yn Stiwdio'r Ddraig, Pencoed ger Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, nos Sul 25ain o Fedi yn £10 ac ar werth ar wefan yr Eisteddfod - urdd.org/eisteddfod neu drwy ffôn 0845 257 1639.

ELLEN GETS READY FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT!

TALENTED singer, Ellen Angharad Williams from Cowbridge, is one of eight young people, all winners at the Swansea Urdd National Eisteddfod, who are putting the finishing touches to their performances as they look to compete for the prestigious Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel Scholarship.

The winner will receive a £4,000 bursary towards their studies.

Ellen won the folk song solo for those between 19 and 25 years old. Before the scholarship concert, to be held at Dragon Studios, Pencoed, on Sunday, September 25, to determine this year's scholarship winner, Ellen will be given a master class by a leading figure from the Welsh music scene.

She is currently studying French, Spanish and German at

Exeter University and will continue her studies in Oviedo, Spain, in September as part of her course.

"It's a great honour to be part of this year's scholarship. I'm very excited about the competition, the master class and, of course, meeting the other competitors," said Ellen, who has her sights set on studying for a post graduate degree in a music college, and embarking on a career as a professional singer.

"The scholarship would enable me to have singing lessons, as well as learn Italian which would be useful to me as a singer and help me prepare for auditions for music colleges."

As well as the financial backing, the scholarship also associates the winner's name with that of one of the world's foremost performers, Bryn Terfel.

The singer from Pantglas believes this year's competition could be one of the best yet.

Bryn Terfel said: "Once again, those competing for this year's scholarship are very talented individuals and great ambassadors for the youth of Wales today."

"With the standard so high, the concert promises to be an exceptional evening of musical and visual entertainment and I wish all eight competitors the very best of luck."

The eight competitors are: Ellen Angharad Williams from Cowbridge, winner of the individual folk song 19 - 25; Ellen Angharad Morgan from Llandysul, winner of the dramatic presentation 19 - 25; Rhian Mair Davies from Pencader, winner of the individual recitation 19 - 25; Glain Dafydd from Bangor, winner of the instrumental solo 19 - 25; Huw Ynyr Evans from Rhydymain, winner of the Cerdd Dant Solo 19 - 25; Anna Pardanjan from Abergel, winner of the folk dance years 10 and under-25; Steffan Jones from Cardiff, winner of the solo 19 - 25; Sian Crisp from Caernarfon, winner of the solo from a musical 19 - 25.

Tickets for the scholarship concert at the Dragon Studios, Pencoed, on Sunday, September 25 at 6.15pm are £10 and available from the Eisteddfod website - urdd.org/eisteddfod or by calling 0845 257 1639.

NON TUDUR WILLIAMS

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' NEWS

Up to Allt yr Esgair and back down to Llangorse

RECENTLY, Liz took a group of 12 ramblers up to Llangorse Lake (Llyn Syfaddan) and journeying up, the Brecon Beacons were shrouded in mist with a steady drizzle falling, but the day proved to be fine and warm.

Llangorse is the largest natural lake in south Wales, formed by glacial action, and is one mile in length, five miles in circumference and 505 feet above sea level.

The Afon Llynfi provides the main input of water and in 1925, archaeologists found virtually a complete dugout boat, basically a hollowed out trunk of a tree.

The lake suffered pollution post war from sewage, detergent and agricultural fertilisers, so many of the rare plants, algae, fish, bird and plant life were almost destroyed.

They began the first ascent of the day up Allt yr Esgair, known locally as The Allt (the name means wooded slope of the ridge). They had extensive views overlooking the Usk valley, the Brecon Beacons over Llangorse Lake and the Black

Mountains in the north-east.

The hilltop contains a hill fort believed to be Iron Age and the Roman road between Y Gaer fort at Brecon and Gobannium at Abergavenny runs along the ridge, now marked by a modern bridleway.

Following the Roman Road and then the main road, they walked on to the village of Bwlch where they joined part of the Beacons Way which climbs Cefn Moel before dropping into the valley towards Cwmdu.

Their second climb took them up on to Mynydd Llangorse whose summit rises to

515 metres with a trig point at 506 metres. They left the Beacons Way downhill towards Cwm Shenkin and passed near to the Llangorse multi activity centre at Gilfach Farm, which has two very tall trees that form the Sky Trek, a twin wire system where it is possible to enjoy the exhilarating sensation of careering down for a 100-metre stretch to the valley below.

However enthralled, the group continued at a more leisurely pace back to Llangorse village.

On July 9, meet at 9am at the Barry Waterfront for a 10-mile

mod/hard walk from Blackmill to the Ogmore Half Horseshoe; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

On July 10, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile mod/hard walk from Llanfeigan to Carn Pica; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On July 14, leave the Colcot Arms pub at 7pm for a 4.5-mile easy/mod walk at Merthyr Dyfan and the Highlight Trail; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102.

Joy Strangward

Local student wins finance internship

RUOLIN WU (18), from Penarth, a student at Howell's sixth form college at Llandaff, has won a Nomura scholarship for a place on the financial services group Nomura's women's immersion programme.

Ruolin said: "I was awarded a £500 prize and a two-week paid internship at Nomura. I entered because I thought it was a great opportunity to learn

more about investment banking, which is something that really interests me.

It involved writing two essays. She went on: "I'm really shocked to have won it, but it's a great opportunity and I cannot wait to start my internship in April next year."

Ruolin is one of 12 students offered places for Oxbridge this year. She has been offered a place at Queen's College, Cambridge, to study economics.



Ruolin Wu from Penarth

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Karen Ingram of Barefoot Studio and Jackie Glassar of Truly Scrumptious.

ANYONE calling into Truly Scrumptious for a free coffee or smoothie has a chance of winning a £50 voucher for the Quarterpenny Café, or a rug from the Cowbridge Flooring Studio as 22 independent retailers in Cowbridge take part in a week-long event to encourage the public to shop local and find out more about what's available on their High Street.

'Independents Day' (July 4) is a national campaign supported by Mary Portas, Queen of Shops, celebrating the diversity of independent shops.

The 'Find the Treasures on Cowbridge High Street' trail concludes this Saturday. See posters in shop windows and collect a quiz sheet from participating retailers.

Visit five stores on the list, find the answer to their questions, then hand in sheets at Truly Scrumptious for free refreshment entry to prize draw.

People are encouraged to buy an item from an independent shop on the trail.

The event has been facilitated by Debbie Cooke of HubCowbridge and Karen Ingram at Barefoot Studio.

Karen said: "We're delighted so many people have got behind the campaign, and special thanks to Jackie and the retailers who have donated prizes."

"The quiz is great fun to do and would be an ideal family activity on Saturday."

Quiz sheets and more information also available from info@hubcowbridge.com

'COWBRIDGE MEN ON THE RUN' RAISES FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH UK

ON Sunday, July 3, the 'Cowbridge Men on the Run' event was held by the local Cancer Research UK committee. It was organised in memory of local people and raised more than £2,500.

As can be seen from Paul Jones's images lots of men were out of bed early to get down to the rugby ground for a warm-up with former Welsh international Rhys Williams.

One of the organisers, Anne Birt, said: "The sun shone – almost too brightly for some – but it was better than if it had been chucking it down!"

There are hopes that the run will become an annual event.

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ABOVE: Cowbridge firefighters were on hand to lend their support to the 'Men on the Run' athletes.



Vale MP's surgery

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, will be holding a surgery for advice and assistance tomorrow (Friday, July 8) at 2.30pm-3.30pm in Eagleswell Primary School, Eagleswell Road, Llantwit Major.

Anyone in the Vale is welcome to attend, but it is advisable to call 01446 403814 to make an appointment.



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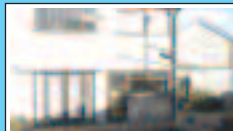
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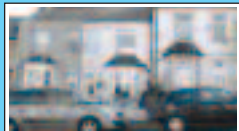
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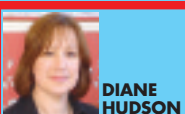
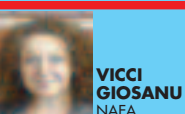


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Family Notices

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Peacefully in her sleep Monday, 27th June. Aged 82.
Funeral at Flemingston Church, Wednesday, 13th July at 2.00 pm. Please, family flowers only. Donations if desired to "Friends of Brocastle" Care Home, Ewenny, CF35 5AU

Mrs Joyce Tilley
Her family wish to express heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the lovely service and for all the cards and messages of condolence. Thanks also to Canon Belcher and Andrew of Thomas Brothers Funeral Services for the great kindness shown.

BREWERTON Lily
Peacefully on June 30th in Llandough Hospital, after a short illness. Lily aged 91 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Danny. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends. Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday 15th July at 11.00am. Floral tributes and all enquiries to WA Brown & Son, Llantwit Major. 01446 792489.

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BURNETT Percy
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5 MAI, 2011

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Name of Candidate Enw'r Ymgeisydd	Name of Election Agent Enw'r Asiant Etholiadol
Briony Jane Davies	Cheryl Anne Green
Carwyn Jones	David Sage
Tim Thomas	Kevin George Burnell
Alexander Williams	David Alan Unwin

These returns and declarations (including the accompanying documents) can be inspected at the Electoral Services Office, Civic Offices, Bridgend, during office hours within the next two years.

Gellir edrych ar y ffurflenni a'r datganiadau hyn (gan gynnwys y dogfennau ategol) yn Swyddfa'r Wasanaethau Etholiadol, Swyddffeydd Dinesig, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, yn ystod oriau swyddfa o fewn y ddwy flynedd nesaf.

DATED 20 June, 2011.
DYDDIEDIG 20 Mehefin 2011.

Dr Jo Farrar,
Constituency Returning Officer
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Training for both year groups is held every Monday 3.15-5pm on the new tennis courts.

Vale of Glamorgan Schools Regional under-13s finals were held at Dinas Powys Tennis Club. Cowbridge were grouped with Stanwell and St Cyres of Penarth in the round robin tournament. Both schools proved too strong, losing both matches 6-0.

Team:
Matthew Harper, Sean Davies, Iwan Goodwin, Amos Booth.

In the Vale Schools Championships held at Dinas Powys Tennis Club, year-9/10 were grouped with Stanwell Comprehensive and Barry Comprehensive in the round robin draw:

v Stanwell – Singles: David Humphries W 6-0; Theo Mann L 3-6; George Gibson L 2-6; Sam Wood W 6-1; Doubles: David and Theo W 6-1; George and Sam L 2-6.

Sets 3/3, Games 25/20.

v Barry

Comprehensive (won 6-0) – Singles: David Humphries W 6-1; Theo Mann W 6-0; George Gibson W 6-1; Sam Wood W 6-0. Doubles: David/Theo W 6-1; George/Sam W 6-0. (6-0).

Final of Vale Schools v Bro Morgannwg (won 5-1) – Singles: David Humphries W 6-2; Theo Mann L 4-6; George Gibson W 6-4; Sam Wood W 6-2. Doubles: David and Theo W 6-4; George and Sam W 6-2. (5-1).

They now play in the Regional Finals on July 12 at the David Lloyd Centre, Cardiff

Year 7/8 tennis v Bro Morgannwg (friendly) – Singles: Matthew Harper W 6-1; Iwan Goodwin L 3-6; Sean Davies L 6-7; Amos Booth W 6-1; George Gibson L 1-6; Doubles: Matthew and Amos L 1-6; Sean and Iwan W 6-3. 3-3 sets, 28-27 games.

Cowbridge won on count back of games.

Skiing SOUTH WALES Artificial Ski Championships were held at Fairwater Ski Centre Cardiff where the school entered



ABOVE: The teams pictured at the Artificial ski championships at Fairwater

three boys and girls teams. A Team boys won with B team runners up. A team girls won, with B team third place.

Individual results (Non registered girls): Under-15s, third, Jessica Scuibba,

year-8; second, Caitlin Jones, year-8. Under-17s, third, Amy Oliver, year-10; second, Hannah Taylor, year-10. Under-19s, second, Manon Thomas, year-12, first, Amy Taylor, year-12.

Boys: Under-13s, second, Henry Jones, year-7; first, Harry Hopkins, year-7. Under-15s, third, Nicky Griffiths, year-9; second, Ben Thomas, year-8; first, Ben Jones, year-8. Under-17s, second, Matthew Goodlad, year-11; first, Harri

Hitchcock, year-11. Under-19s, first, Jamie Griffiths, year-11.

Registered Skiers – Girls: Under-19s, second, Sarah Williams; first, Emily Hopkins. Boys: Under-19s, first, George Spill.

Golf THE Cardiff and Vale Schools Golf Championships were held over 18 holes at the Dinas Powys Golf Club. Entry was limited to 2nd handicap and below. The school team of Katie Bradbury, Wil Hoggett and Gavin Magner finished second to Whitchurch Comprehensive school.

Katie finished second in the individual with a gross score of 78, handicap 3, nett 75. Will Hoggett had gross score 86, handicap 6, nett 80. Gavin Magner gross score 82, handicap 11 nett 71.

Both Katie and Wil, low handicaps, were selected to play for the County Schools at the Welsh Schools Championships held on June 29/30 at the Newport Golf Club.

Cricket THE year-8 v 9 cricket was held at the lower school cricket pitch.

Year-8 – 119 for 5: Rian Thomas 13, Matthew Harper 13, Luke John 13, David Humphries 14, Alex Guard 3 for 15.

Year-9 – 94 for 6: Tom Johnston 28, Luke John 2 for 13.

Year-7 v Year-8 – Year-8 121 for 5: Rian Thomas 31 retired, Jonathan Harvey 31 retired, Oliver Pike 18 n.o. Wickets shared by

Cai Evans 1 for 11; Matthew Keating 1 for 20; Sam John 1 for 10; Iwan Goodwin 1 for 2; Sam Fairclough 1 for 5.

Year-7 – 93 for 5: Cai Evans 21 n.o. Adam Jones 2 for 10; Iwan Ridout 2 for 19.

Year-8 A and B away to the Cathedral School Cardiff – 8A – 124 for 9; Matthew Harper 26; Jonathan Harvey 17; Rian Thomas 14; Oliver Pike 11.

Cathedral 126 for 5; Oliver Pike for 21; Jonathan Harvey 1 for 26; Rian Thomas 1 for 33.

8B – 102 for 7: David Humphries 22; Daniel Oddy 17; Amos Booth 12.

Cathedral 101 for 9; Amos Booth 3 for 13; Ben Jones 2 for 18; Tom Day Davies 2 for 6.

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Emily Hopkins	8.63	8.60	8.61	8.60
Sarah Williams	8.79	8.84	9.04	8.79
Hannah Taylor	10.62	9.94	10.00	9.94
Amy Taylor	10.31	10.50	10.40	10.31
Amy Oliver	10.76	10.40	10.71	10.40
Caitlin Jones	10.54	10.75	10.71	10.54
Manon Thomas	11.95	11.55	11.68	11.55
Bethan White	12.52	11.92	11.72	11.72
Jessica Scuibba	12.04	12.67	12.34	12.04
Boys	1st run	2nd run	3rd run	Best run
George Spill	8.17	8.20	8.26	8.17
Harri Hitchcock	8.70	8.84	8.86	8.70
Matthew Goodland	8.83	9.05	9.15	8.82
Jamie Griffiths	9.07	8.94	9.09	8.94
Ben Jones	9.06	8.97	9.11	8.97
Ben Thomas	9.35	9.41	9.08	9.08
Nicky Griffiths	9.45	9.54	9.57	9.45
Harry Hopkins	9.51	9.90	9.68	9.51
Henry Jones	9.83	9.77	9.71	9.71
Jonathan Harvey	disq	9.96	10.23	9.96
Gabe Newham	10.65	10.37	10.01	10.01
Huw Bennett	10.76	10.04	11.23	10.04
Hywel Williams	10.28	10.28	10.45	10.28

Year-9 v Llantwit Major Comprehensive – Year-9 98 for 7; Neil Sykes 17; Llantwit 78 all out; Joe Russell 6 for 13; Sadr Zaman

Year-7 – 93 for 5: Cai Evans 21 n.o. Adam Jones 2 for 10; Iwan Ridout 2 for 19.

Year-8 A and B away to the Cathedral School Cardiff – 8A – 124 for 9; Matthew Harper 26; Jonathan Harvey 17; Rian Thomas 14; Oliver Pike 11.

Cathedral 126 for 5; Oliver Pike for 21; Jonathan Harvey 1 for 26; Rian Thomas 1 for 33.

8B – 102 for 7: David Humphries 22; Daniel Oddy 17; Amos Booth 12.

Cathedral 101 for 9; Amos Booth 3 for 13; Ben Jones 2 for 18; Tom Day Davies 2 for 6.

Year-10 – 175 for 4 declared, Harri Collier 54 n.o.; Joseph Cotterill 30; Sam Wood 28; Chris Brace 21; Todd Wilcox 19.

Christ College 103 all out; Rhys Cogan 2 for 11; Sam Wood 2 for 34; Jack Faulkner 3 for 5.

Year-9 – Christ

College 71 all out; Zac Summerhayes 3 for 10; Rian Thomas 3 for 9; Oliver Pike 2 for 5; Cowbridge 72 for 5; Jonathan Harvey 33; Oliver Pike 20; Will Gamblin 10 n.o.

Year-7 v Bro Morgannwg – Cowbridge 80 for 5; Owain Leyshon 10; Bro Morgannwg 80 for 9; Owen Tuckwell 1 for 14; Matthew Keating 3 for 2; Joel Davies 2 for 1; Tom Edwards 1 for 8.

Year-8 /9 first league match v Fitzalan – Fitzalan 80 for 7; Jonathan Harvey 2 for 10; Sadr Zaman 3 for 18.

Cowbridge 83 for 2; Daniel Evans 31 n.o. Oliver Pike 12; Jonathan Harvey 11 n.o.

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Latest
News from
the Moses
project

PUPILS of Iolo Morganwg School received medals and certificate last week to commemorate their effort to raise money for the Moses Project.

The children ran a 10k sponsored run by completing a stage each week. The money raised will be used to provide a wind turbine/solar energy system for the Masaai School in Endonyiosodai, Kenya.

The provision of electricity will provide lighting and a cooking source for the school. As well as raising money for the Moses Project the children have developed close links with their co-pupils in Kenya.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about the daily life of Kenyan children.

Following the success of the sponsored run and the Clwb200, the hope is to complete the wind turbine and solar energy system by the autumn.

For more information about the Moses project, or to join the 200 club, go to www.themosesproject.org or send an email to info@themosesproject.org

PIDGEONS ROOST
AT BRYNHILL!

JUST over 60 years ago, the first prize for junior golfers was presented at Brynhill Golf Club.

Originally called the Juniors Championship Cup, the first honours board using that name was lost in a fire at the old clubhouse, but as the Cup was donated by Arthur Pidgeon, and won by his son Wyndham, the replacement board and trophy was re-named the Wyndham Pidgeon Cup.

In May of this year, Wyndham returned to Brynhill, having moved 'over-the-border' to England in 1972. This time he was not playing with his father, but rather his son Richard, who had a prestigious hole-in-one at the third hole, so you could say the pidgeons have come home to roost!

Lucky for the other members, the Pidgeons had moved to Wiltshire, as with granddad Arthur winning the Rabbits Cup in 1936, his son Wyndham winning the Junior Championship Cup, and grandson Richard getting a hole-in-one on his only visit to the course, there may not have been space for any other names on the various competition boards.

GYMNASTICS
CORRECTION

In a piece about Penybont Gymnastics Club last week, we incorrectly identified Alana Edwards as Alana Paige - apologies for the misunderstanding.



ABOVE: Richard and Wyndham Pidgeon.

In talking with Wyndham he mentioned a lot of names from his time at Brynhill in the 1950s – especially Morgan Williams and Jim Storey, and he also remembers Wick Williams and Mike Parry playing in the competition that eventually had his name on it.

He also sent an old photo (above right) and felt it could be interesting to see if any of the golfers are still in Barry, and if any of them are still playing golf?

George Williams, John Moody, Bish Hawkes, Paddy McCarthy, Mervyn John, Harry Evans, The Sugden-Smiths, Vi Evans, Frank Smedley, Reg Webber and the old pro Norman Hazell – where are you?

Wyndham appreciates the part you all played in his most enjoyable time at Brynhill Golf Club.



This picture was taken in 1952 - can anyone recognise the faces?

BARRIVALE RESULTS

LATEST results from Barrivale are as follows:

June 28 – 1st, Mick Green and Mike Best 69.84 per cent; 2nd, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 64.29; 3rd, Jane Brook and Denis M o t t r a m 53.97.

Mick and Mike also won on handicap.

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BARRY'S FIRST MCDONALD'S APPRENTICES

THE first six McDonald's employees in Barry have gained an apprenticeship, joining almost 4,000 other staff across the country to complete the qualification.

They were presented with their certificates by Jane Hutt AM and local franchisee, Huw Thomas, during a presentation ceremony. The scheme involves customer service, teamwork and communications.

Sarah Bunce (23), a newly-qualified apprentice from Barry, said: "Given the current job climate, I'm so aware of the importance of having the strongest CV possible. Being able to boost mine with a qualification which is nationally recognised, whilst still working full-time, has been fantastic."



Jane Hutt AM and local franchisee, Huw Thomas, awarded the students with their certificates.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB NEWS

Help to learn at a different pace

DO your grandchildren set your video recorder for you? Do they help you to send emails? Do they tweak your photographs for you?

Knowledge and skills are funny things. What is easy for some is difficult for others.

We are all aware that everybody is different and that each of us has a different combination of abilities.

We know that knowledge or skills do not arrive fully formed (child prodigies excepted), but accumulate over time with revision and practice.

We find that we learn more easily and remember the things we are interested in.

We become more accomplished in the skills for which we find we have an aptitude and enjoyment reinforces the process of development.

Adults can be uncomfortable with computers because they find it necessary to go through a learning process whereas as young children already use and are comfortable with them.

Age and experience is not helping as it should

and that inhibits confidence at the start.

Visitors or new members will sometimes be heard to murmur "way over my head" and be somewhat disappointed. This is exactly where the computer club can help.

The members understand that people new to computing can be daunted by the variety of things that it is possible to do and by the technology involved.

They can explain the friendly atmosphere and the willingness to help out.

Many have been coming for years and still learn something at every meeting. It all takes time, but happens at a pace to suit the individual.

Because people are different, courses of computer training, useful though they often are, can be too fast for one person and too slow for another on the same course.

Penarth Computer Club tries to give new starters in September a boost by concentrating on the basics. In the new year we progress to improving skills according to what the members want to hear about.

Talks are concentrated on how to use com-

puters, not how to build them. After all, most people watch TV without a pressing wish to build their own set. How many drivers need to be able to build a car?

As with most things in life there are so many things that it is possible to do, that you can't do everything. (Mind you, Roy Castle was able to play every instrument in the band.)

Personally, I like to be able to do odd little things to achieve an effect and to read the agony columns to see how problems are solved. (The hard part of that is remembering the answers.)

Maybe your aim should be to show your grandchildren how to do things better than they are able to at present. Wouldn't that be a turnaround!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, July 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall at 8pm. This is an open evening supporting the Penarth Holiday Festival. Visitors welcome. Free entry, tea and biscuits. Find out what we do. Enquiries to me on 02920 708439 or visit penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

HOWARD DESMOND

Who wants to build what, and where?

Care Inn Ltd - Springbank Nursing Home, College Road, Barry - Retention of extract flue and air inlet to kitchen. Retention of boiler flue.

M A Hardy Ltd - New Farm, Port Road, Barry - Erection of a harvested biomass storage building.

Vale Orangeries - 1 Clos y Wiwer, Llantwit Major - Orangery extension to rear of property.

Mr Michael James - White Lodge, Peterston-super-Ely - Porch to front of dwelling and removal of prefabricated garage and replaced with double garage with a lowered floor and living pitched roof.

Mr Ross Flanagan - 92 Lavernock Road, Penarth - Single storey extension and loft conversion with three roof dormers.

Mr Warren Pembrey - 29 Colcot Road, Barry - Rear and side two storey extension and loft conversion.

Mr and Mrs David Smith - 13

Coleridge Avenue, Penarth - Single storey rear extension. Mr Bailey - Church Farm, Ystradowen - Glazed link between existing dwelling and annex.

Waitrose Ltd - Palmerston Road, Barry - Replacement petrol station sign.

Mr and Mrs Reed - Chinchona, Twyncyn, Dinas Powys - Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Mrs Lesley Gillingham - 31 West Terrace, Penarth - Two storey and single storey rear extensions (existing rear extension to be removed).

Mr and Mrs Nigel Sullivan - Wharnclyffe, Swanbridge Road, Sully - Replacement dwelling.

Mr Christopher Williams - The Three Tuns, St Nicholas - Insert two steel beams in roof space to prevent further deflection of roof structure.

Mr Andrew White - South corner of garden of 16 Maes Glas,

Barry - Remove ash tree.

Mr Jay Ward - 19 Boverton Court, Boverton - Single storey outbuilding to rear of garden.

Mr D Ellis - 2 Harbour View Cottages, Northcliffe Drive, Penarth - Proposed alterations, first floor side extension and ground floor rear extension with covered balcony above.

Mr Gareth Lucas - UK Hydroslides, Water Park House, Green Lane, Llantwit Major - Log style portacabin to replace the two caravans at rear of factory units. The caravans had full planning permission and were used as office space, rest area/room and storage.

Mr Steve May - The Coach House, rear of 219 Holton Road, Barry - Conversion of existing retail and office into 2 no. residential dwellings.

Fitz Project Management - Three Horseshoes Inn, Moulton - Change of use from manager's flat to three lettable

tourist rooms.

Mr Nigel Cottle - Westmoor Barn, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge - Conversion of existing garage into granny flat annex and provision of new detached garage.

Mr and Mrs Hawkins - The Old Farm, St Hilary - Conservatory to rear elevation.

Miss Kathryn Clarke - Ty Robin Goch, Robins Lane, Barry - Change of use from respite care centre to mixed use of playgroup during the day and respite care at evenings at weekends.

Mrs Rita Cook - 22 Collard Crescent, Barry - Construction of porch.

Mr Richard Cole - 35 Grove Terrace, Penarth - Rear two storey extension and loft conversion to 35 Grove Terrace, Penarth.

Mr Stuart Jenkins - 14 Crescent Close, Cowbridge - Proposed two storey side extension.

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South Wales Scorpions' trip to London ends in a very close defeat

SOUTH Wales Scorpions had to settle for a bonus point in the English capital on Saturday after a 27-26 defeat to London Skolars.

The teams tied on tries and conversions, it was simply a Dylan Skee drop-goal that was the difference.

He scored the crucial one-pointer with three minutes to go following a period of threatening attacks from the home side.

The Scorpions gained a bonus point but the Skolars are now just three points behind the Welsh side in the Co-operative Championship 1 table.

Skolars took the lead in less than two minutes after Scorpions gave away a scrum on their own ten metre line.

**LONDON SKOLARS 27
SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS 26**

Jaroslav Obuchowski receiving Mourad Kriouache's pass to go over and Dylan Skee converting.

Kriouache kicked a 40-20 to set up another attack as Skolars looked for an immediate second. Curtis Cunningham intercepted a pass to prevent a certain try but was forced into touch.

Chris Clough and Joe Burke then held up Gareth Honor over the line but Skolars weren't to be denied.

Will Colleran pounced on Kriouache's kick to score the second. Skee converted again.

Scorpions got back into the game on 13 minutes when Andrew Gay ran through to score

after good work from Clough; Reece converted.

Skolars restored the balance four minutes later when Obuchowski went over in the corner for his second, Skee missing the kick.

Gay went over for his second and Skolars' 1,000th ever point on 23 minutes. Reece missed the kick.

Scorpions then levelled the scores ten minutes later.

Steve Parry went over for a typically close range try, his ninth of the season, and Reece added the extras.

They took the lead on 36 minutes, when Dalton Grant skillfully scored in the corner after catching Casey Bromilow's long pass.

Reece did well to convert to give Scorpions a 22-16 advantage at half-time.

Skolars got back into the game two minutes

into the second half when Ade Adebisi finished off a fine passing move to score in the corner.

Skee missed the kick. Gay went for his hat-trick, trying to charge over in the corner but was forced into touch by Dave Arnot.

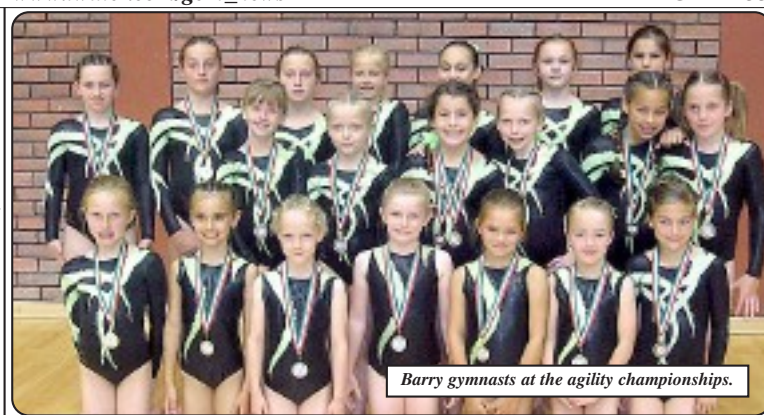
At the other end, Scorpions had a narrow escape when James Anthony was put in space by Cariern Clement-Pascall but he dropped the ball when clear to score.

Scorpions increased their lead to six points when Curtis Cunningham went over in the corner but Reece missed the tricky kick.

It didn't last long when Adebisi scored his second after Sam Gee's pass with Dylan Skee's goal levelling the scores before kicking the crucial point.

The same man missed a penalty in the final seconds, but it wouldn't have made any difference to the final result.

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Barry gymnasts at the agility championships.

Tumbling Barry gymnasts take a hatful of medals

BARRY YMCA gymnasts recently tumbled their way to a host of medals at the Welsh Novice Agility Championships.

Each gymnast had to perform three different tumblers and did so with great enthusiasm.

In the Level 3 11-12 years event the team of Chloe Sullivan, Ellice Stockford, Ellie Peterson and Seren Mirza Davies climbed to the top of the podium becoming the team champions.

Ellie narrowly missed out on an individual medal placing fourth overall whilst Chelsea Slack and Catrin Long also performed well in this age group.

In the Level 3 9-10 years event, there was also success for Caitlin Lord, Ffion Jackson, Tesni Gardiner and Tia Ali as they claimed the silver team medal.

Tesni also secured an individual spot on the podium claiming third place overall.

Chloe Gabb, Elisha Watkins, Kelsey Cross, Lucy Miles and Megan Sully experienced similar success to their club-mates, claiming the bronze medal in the Level 2 9-10 years event.

Their younger club-mates Caitlin Meadows, Dee Clarke, Lara Watkins, Saffron Maurice and Seren Williams also climbed onto the podium claiming the bronze team

medal in the Level 2 8 years competition.

Shannon Beechey proudly represented the club in her first competition and had a very enjoyable time competing in the Level 1 11-12 years event.

Congratulations to all gymnasts and thanks to

the clubs' coaches and volunteers Aimee McCarthy, Bethan Goddard, Bethany Hawkins, Karen Davies, Kirby Goddard, Lauren Webb, Leanne Jones, Olivia Parry and Stacey Webb for their continued work at the club.

KAREN DAVIES

Urgent plea for junior manager

LLANTWIT Major Junior Football Club urgently need a team manager for their under-8 mini football team for next season.

Club secretary, Gwyn John, said: "Unless we find someone to run this team, there will be no team and there will be many disappointed children."

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CENTURIONS GO TOPSY TURVY!

CENTURIONS had another topsy turvy weekend, with some fine league performances, but losing out in the Cup on Sunday.

In the league match at Bridgend, Centurions gained revenge for the opening day defeat by their opponents with a winning draw and the lion's share of the points.

Sully had Will Bragg (33) and the in-form Lloyd Smith (66) to thank for building up a significant total.

Middle order contributions from Chris Thorne (25) Tom Evison (21) and Daniel Rowe (18) kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely.

Skipper Jamie Sylvester was 34 not out at the end of the 50 overs as Centurions finished on 239 for 8.

The Bridgend innings was barely into its second over when David Goodway was yorked by Daniel Rowe for a duck. This was followed immediately by the wicket of Glamorgan's Mike Powell for another duck.

However, the partnership of Wadlan (39) and Humphries (38) was worth 80 runs to the home side.

Of the remaining batsmen, only Baker, who was not out 53, was able to make any headway against the Sully attack, for whom Lloyd Bruce took 3-26.

Two wickets each for Dan Rowe and Tom Evison and one for Jamie Sylvester left the Bridgend side hanging on for the draw at the end.

Bridgend 199-8; Sully 239-8.

SECOND XI
 THE Second XI entertained Bridgend Seconds at

Burnham Avenue.

Centurions got to 22 before losing the wicket of Rhett Jones for 5. Then there was a partnership of 46 before Matthew Thomas, who had hit a quickfire 34 including two huge 6s, was caught off the bowling of Pearce.

The score went from 68 for 2 to 116 all out, with 8 wickets falling for 48 runs, including the final four wickets for just one run.

First to go was Ellis for 27 stumped off Osbourne. He was then followed by Callow (1), Rose (9), Williams (20), Sullivan (0) and Miller (0), all to the bowling of Sam Pearce who finished with 6 for 36.

The other wickets were the run-outs of James Haswell and Ben Spear, who is starting to show his maturity. Ben scored 13, another good knock from the young man.

Sully really needed to take early wickets but were unable to as the visitors lost only two wickets in the quest for the target.

These were Stanton for 10 (bowled by the ever improving Ben Callow) and Spreadbury for 26, brilliantly caught by Matthew Thomas off the bowling of Rhett Jones.

Bridgend reached the total of 117 for 2 with 32 overs to spare, with opener Ian Henry not out 42.

Sully 116 all out; Bridgend 117-2.

THIRD XI
 THE Thirds hosted Panteg at Wenvoe and came away with an impressive eight wicket victory - thanks to a very good all round team performance.

The visitors batted first and although no early wickets fell,

they found the going tough against the Sully attack. Once the breakthrough had been made, the wickets began to tumble.

Nathan Cuddihy picked up 3 for 28 and Nick Jones a remarkable 3 for 7 - ably backed by Liam Bennett (1 for 35) and Sam Banga (2 for 8) as well as good support in the field - and the Panteg innings came to an end on 86 after just 25 overs.

In response, Nick Jones and Max Pryce wasted no time chasing down the target. Nick was eventually lbw to Joshi for 34, but Max carried his bat for 39 and the total was achieved in the 23rd over.

Sully 87-2; Panteg 86 all out.

THIRD XI
 THE Fourth travelled to Panteg for this league encounter, and again came away with a fantastic win.

Terry Sylvester and Luke Burnett set the tone with an opening stand of 71. Terry went for 12 and Luke eventually fell for a very good 31, but the undoubted batting hero was Peter Barnett, who achieved his very first half century.

He was eventually bowled by Jenkins for a marvellous 63, which included 11 boundaries. Mark Burnett (34) and Geoff Kingston (16 not out) kept the runs flowing and by the time the 45 overs were complete, Centurions had reached 222 for 9.

The wickets were spread out between Jenkins, Evans and Pepper, who took three each.

It didn't take long for Sully to start chalking up the wickets. In the fourth over, Scott

McMillan had McMahon trapped lbw for just 3. This was followed in the very next over when Josh Bryan bowled Edwards for 4 to leave the hosts on 14 for 2.

A stubborn fight back gave Panteg some hope as Jenkins and White took the score along to 85 for the third wicket when Jenkins was caught by Mark Burnett off the bowling of son Luke for 38.

Only White showed any more resistance and he went on to make a very good 51 not out as the rest of the wickets tumbled around him.

The Centurions bowlers shared the wickets around - Luke Burnett and Lewis Cuddihy picked up two wickets, with one each for Josh Bryan, Scott McMillan, Iwan Baker and Mark Burnett.

The Panteg total was 92 runs short of the target and the innings closed in the 36th over. Panteg 130 all out; Sully 222-9.

RUNNERS-UP SPOT

ON Sunday, Centurions took part in the Swalec Premier League 20/20 finals at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff and ended as runners-up.

In the first semi-final, Sully trounced Ynysygerwn by 80 runs. Lloyd Smith hit a fantastic 77 from 55 balls, including seven 4s and three 6s as Centurions enjoyed themselves in the sun.

Good support from Owen Dawkins (10), Gareth Sullivan (11), with 20 from Tom Evison and a fine 29 not out by Daniel Rowe took the score along to 161 for 4 after the 20 overs.

In response, the West Wales side was unable to get any

momentum going. Only Howell (25) and Lloyd (14) had any answer to the accurate bowling.

Wickets fell with regularity as the Centurion bowlers began turning the screw. Tom Evison came away with 4 for 22, with great work by Dan Rowe (2 for 10) a wicket each for Jamie Sylvester, Lloyd Bruce and Owen Dawkins, along with a run out, meant that Ynysygerwn were skittled out for just 81 in 17 overs.

Sully 161-4; Ynysygerwn 81 all out.

The final was a different affair altogether. Opponents Ammanford batted first and lost an early wicket when Daniel Rowe bowled Evans for 1, with the score on 6.

Tom Evison dismissed Davies in the sixth over to leave Ammanford on 23 for 2, but a third wicket stand of 39 from Salter and Harries (22) and a marvellous fourth wicket partnership of 66 between Salter (59) and Evans (30 n/o) helped the score along to 134 for 4 after 20 overs.

Dan Rowe (2 for 30) along with Tom Evison (1 for 28) and Lloyd Bruce (1 for 28) were the wicket takers.

Some early wickets meant that Centurions were always playing catch up.

By the seventh over, Sully were in trouble at 35 for 4. In spite of a bit of a recovery that saw Dan Rowe top scoring with 29, and Jamie Sylvester (12), Gareth Davies (13) and Lloyd Smith (13) helping the cause, there was to be no repeat of last year's victory, as Centurions ended 16 runs short.

Ammanford 134-4; Sully 118 all out. **MF**

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Romilly pupils too 'Kwik' for cricket rivals

TALENTED young batters and bowlers from Romilly Primary School in Barry have taken the title of being the Vale of Glamorgan's top Kwik cricketers.

A team of boys and girls from the school stumped their rivals from 16 other local primary schools in the county's annual Kwik Cricket festival, held at Penarth Athletic Ground.

The competition, organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team and sponsored by ASDA, has been giving youngsters a fantastic introduction to the sport for several years.

Kwik cricket is a simplified high-speed version of the game, and is both fast and fun, letting children experience every aspect of cricket.

Nearly 200 pupils took part, and the Vale's Dragon sport assistant Pete Hardwick said: "By playing to the rules of



Festival winners Romilly Primary School in to bat against Ysgol Iolo Morgannwg.

Kwik cricket, with appropriate sized equipment, this annual festival provides an excellent way for children to get into cricket and develop their talents against other schools.

"By giving each player some guaranteed time with the bat, this encour-

ages them to play without fear, really go for their shots and try out new skills.

He added: "I would like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a success and run smoothly, including the groundsman Andrew Cripps. Congratulations to the pupils from Romilly, who will now go on to play in the regional finals of the Kwik cricket competition at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff on July 12."

LADS GO ANGLING!

EVERY year, the Seaview Lads hold a weekend competition to catch the most species.

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Honours (again) went to Gary Morgan, easily taking the trophy with seven different species, including a 10lb-plus Smoothhound.

Results: 1st, Gary Morgan – seven species (Mackerel, Wrasse, Pollack, Conger, Dogfish, Common Smoothhound, Starry Smoothhound); 2nd, Paul Coles – five species (Dogfish, poor Cod, Silver, Conger, Spotted Ray); 3rd, Roy Harding – four species

(Mackerel, Wrasse, Pollack, Dogfish); 4th, Jody Velda – three species (Shore Rockling, Dogfish, Starry Smoothhound); 5th, Ada Harris – two species (Dogfish, Pouting); 5th, Roger Green – two species (Dogfish, Conger).

Other fishing has been mixed with strong winds hampering one recent match that our chairman, Steve Doble, won. He landed six dogs, a spotted ray and a tope for a 10lb 6ozs winning weight.

Second was Paul Coles with four dogs and a nice 3lb 12oz spotted ray. In third was Lougher with five dogs and top caster Chippy had one dog.

Ladies progress in team Cup

A COTTRELL Park ladies team entered the Welsh team championships and made good progress.

The team consisted of Helen Little, Gemma Bradbury, Katie Bradbury, Kay Bradbury and Sandra Collin, with reserve Helen Poole.

They progressed well, knocking out Royal Porthcawl at local level before travelling to Aberystwyth; they progressed to the quarter finals by beating Abergelle, then Conwy and after a hard fought match they lost to Haverford West, who were the eventual runners up to Newport.

Cottrell Park is a relatively new club, the ladies have made excellent progress and this was their best result at the championships to date.

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Point-to-point will return to Bonvilston

GOOD news for hunt-racing fans in the Vale is that there will be point-to-point racing at Redlands Farm, Bonvilston, next season after all.

Farmer Tudor Harris, who owns the land the races are held on, has had a change of mind after being given some assurances by members of the Pentyrch Hunt Club and this is great news as Bonvilston, which is the home of the Welsh Point-to-Point Grand National. Is one of the best point-to-point courses in Wales.

The Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point, which will no longer be held at Laleston, will be moving to a new course next season which has yet to be named.

There was a time when the Llangeinor, Pentyrch and Glamorgan hunts all held their meetings at Penllyn, Cowbridge, and there will be many hunt-racing enthusiasts who have happy memories of watching the races from the natural grandstand on the slopes of Penllyn Castle.

BRYN'S CHEPSTOW WINNER

Tredodridge trainer Bryn Palling had a welcome winner at Chepstow last week

when his eight-year-old bay mare *Corrib*, well ridden by Catherine Gannon, justified being made a 9-2 favourite by beating 25-1 outsider *Cuckoo Rock* in a field of 12 runners.

ISABEL IMPROVING
Leading Welsh amateur rider Isabel Tompsett, who is well known in the Vale and was injured in a horrific race riding accident at Fakenham in May, is said to be improving by 'leaps and bounds'.

Apparently, Isabel, who is still hospitalised in Cambridgeshire, has had a short telephone conversation with her friend Sally Randell who up until recently was based in Pyle.

Isabel has also sat up in bed for a short period and things are looking a lot better than what they did a few weeks ago.

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COWBRIDGE CRICKET ROUND-UP

First XI close to shock win at home of league leaders

SATURDAY'S sunny weather was ideal for cricket as a very young side left Cowbridge for Maesteg to take on the leaders of their division.

The result was an excellent game of cricket that reflected the promise of the summer's day, with the visitors just not able to force victory.

As usual, Tom Merilaht lost the toss, and Maesteg Celtic decided to have first use of what looked like an excellent batting surface with a very fast outfield.

They were restricted to 175 runs owing to excellent fielding, good catching and superb spells of opening bowling from Ryan Taylor and Ali Bilal.

This left arm and right arm opening combination complement each other beautifully and on this occasion they confined the league leaders to just 90 runs for five wickets in the first 30 overs.

It was the best open-

ing spell of bowling for each of them this season, and at the end of 30th over Ryan had taken 3-27 and Ali 1-56.

In the remaining overs, the home side could only manage 85 runs through a combination of superb ground fielding and Merilaht's mesmerising bowling. He returned figures of 4-32 off 10 overs.

The Cowbridge batsmen felt the run chase was not beyond them as the wicket was still good, the outfield fast and their opponents were about 30 runs short of what was regarded as a safe total.

At 132 for 4, a memorable victory was a distinct possibility with just 44 runs needed for victory off the remaining 13 overs, but youth and inexperience in pressure situations meant that they fell six agonising runs short.

Tom Merilaht provided the backbone to the innings with a finely-crafted 71 runs. The skipper batted for 38 overs holding the side together. It was a great

disappointment that he could not have seen his side to victory and Tom was extremely disappointed at being caught off a poor ball that should have gone to the boundary.

Mike Lloyd (21), Andy Finucane (11) and Rahul Survanha (10), making a promising first appearance in the First XI, were the other main contributors to the total, but the others perished cheaply while trying to end the match far too quickly, when a slower, more thoughtful approach was needed with time and overs on their side.

FRIGHT

It was quite some achievement for this young side to compete with the leaders of the division, to take them on and give them such a fright on their home patch while falling just six runs short of victory.

It was good experience for a side made up of so many young players, but it is an added drawback for the captain that the same players cannot be guaranteed from week to week. An ever-changing personnel is certainly not good for consistent performances.

This young side is gaining experience every week and a game like this will have taught them a great deal, particularly about how to finish off the opposition.

This week, the First XI are at home to Pontyberem.

DL Second XI gets close against Maesteg Celtic

WITH Cowbridge Second XI riding high at the top of the table, the side were keen to maintain this position when they Celtic last Saturday.

FIVE-year-old bay gelding, Cowbridge, owned by Victoria Pryor and Collin White and trained by Peter Pritchard in Whatcote, Warwickshire, had his debut run in the bumper at Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse on Tuesday, June 28, evening meet.

Ridden by Sam Twiston-Davies, he

Cowbridge had already beaten Maesteg Celtic at the start of the season, so were well aware that their opponents would be seeking revenge for the early season defeat.

Jonty Webb won the toss and, not to anyone's surprise, decided to bowl first. This was not the most popular of decisions on a hot day. However, the captain is a creature of habit and so far his policy of bowling first has paid dividends this season.

Both the Cowbridge opening bowlers, John Gilbert and Will Johnson, started superbly. The Maesteg batsmen found the going very difficult, which resulted in them reaching only 15 runs off the first 10 overs for the loss of one wicket.

However, this wicket brought to the crease the Maesteg number 3, K Vincent, who, together with Maesteg's experienced captain, I Herbert, proceeded to push the score along. In the end, the Maesteg captain fell for 27 off the bowling of the ever-consistent Harri Collier.

TICKING

Despite the visitors continuing to keep the scoreboard ticking and, although both Andy Brace and Ian Evans claimed two wickets apiece, Maesteg were able to post 209 for 8 off their 50 overs, with K Vincent finishing with 64 to his name.

It had been hard work for the Cowbridge bowlers and fielders and the side knew they would have to bat well to have any chance of chasing down the Maesteg total.

The Cowbridge innings did not start well with the loss of an early wicket. However, a number of partnerships blossomed with Jonty Webb playing the anchor role throughout. The Cowbridge score began to rise and with

the arrival of Jamie Pursey at the crease, the innings was given an impetuous that was very welcome.

Jamie, playing his first game having returned from university, proceeded to deposit the Maesteg bowling to all parts of the ground, with Jonty at the other end punishing the bad balls and finding the gaps regularly.

PRESSURE

As the runs flowed, the Maesteg total appeared in sight. However, with the loss of two quick wickets, one being Jamie's for a well made 38, the run rate subsided and pressure was put back on the Cowbridge batsmen.

Despite Andy Brace providing support to the captain, the Maesteg total got further away and when Jonty was out for 66, it was left to David Webb and John Gilbert to make sure that Cowbridge were not bowled out and suffer their only second defeat of the season.

In the face of a vocal and determined Maesteg side, and against some fine bowling, David Webb, as he regularly does, was unmoved and kept out the Maesteg bowling, ably supported by John Gilbert. In the end, Cowbridge finished on 178 for 9 off their 50 overs.

It was disappointing not to have been able to push for victory. However, Cowbridge should not be too downhearted. Maesteg Celtic are a good side and to have got so close to the total should be very encouraging to the side.

The Second XI will hope to get back to winning ways this week when they travel to Pontyberem.

JW

Cowbridge (the horse) makes promising start

FIVE-year-old bay gelding, Cowbridge, owned by Victoria Pryor and Collin White and trained by Peter Pritchard in Whatcote, Warwickshire, had his debut run in the bumper at Stratford-upon-Avon Racecourse on Tuesday, June 28, evening meet.

Ridden by Sam Twiston-Davies, he

ran in the top three for most of the race before kicking on into the lead on the final straight, only to be caught and beaten by 1½ lengths by Tahrir Square.

At 28-1, many local people had a bet and the owners were very pleased with his first run.

Cowbridge's next target run is another bumper at Stratford on Sunday, July 17, subject to the going.

CW

Bowlers look good at home – but get travel sickness!

ANOTHER week of games played, with predicable results of wins at home and defeats away.

A strong Cowbridge ladies team played Porthcawl ladies in their first game of the week in the Cowbridge Shield competition, winning on all three rinks and by 65-30.

Rink scores: Shirley Wilkinson's team 25-9; Judy Springett's team 23-8 and Sue Flower's team 17-13.

Two days later, again at home, Cowbridge ladies faced a good Barry Athletic ladies team, but still managed an overall shot victory by 44 shots.

Two rinks had good wins – May Jones' team 44-6; Pat Davey's team 27-11, Joan Bradley's team 13-23.

The men's team had a midweek fixture in the Munro Cup away to Llantwit Major, losing on three of the rinks. Cowbridge could only total 46 shots to the home team's 95.

The quartet of Ron Frayling, Mick Davey, Alan Wallace and Michael Bradley (skip) did gain two points by

winning their battle 17-12.

Other rink scores: Byron Richards' team 9-37; Norman Wilkinson's team 12-22; and Dennis Snelling's team 7-24.

For the third Saturday running, the men had to travel for their Saturday fixture – this time they faced leaders Ystrad Mynach, who retained their unbeaten record with a comprehensive victory, winning on all four rinks and by an overall total of 45 shots.

Rink scores: Byron Richards' team 8-26; Roger Barwick's team 11-23; Dennis Snelling's team 12-22; and David Jones' team 14-19.

Although adverse early season weather has affected social bowls on Mondays and Fridays, it is hoped that there will be an improvement so that 10 new senior members can join in with the fun and make new friends within the club.

Finally, the junior section competition for the Cowbridge 750 trophy will be played out this Friday after school.

RMB

School athletes take part in county finals



IN the County under-15s finals, three Cowbridge Comprehensive year-8 boys competed above their age group for year-9.

Alex Love finished fifth overall in the 800m in a time of 2m,21.4. Kristian Jones finished fourth overall in the 800m in a time of 2m,20.76.

Tom Trotman became county champion in the 200 metres 25.10 seconds, and in the high jump with 1m.65cms.

The Athletics Knockout Cup first round was held at Leckwith Stadium, Cardiff.

Year-7/8: 75m hurdles A race, Kristian Jones (1) 13.6, B race, Daniel Oddy (1) 13.9, 100m, A race, Joseph Treharne (4) 13.6, B race, Nathan Robson (2) 13.6, 700m, A race, Tom Trotman (1) 25.9, B race, Harri Thomas (5) 30.1.

300m, A race, Joe Davies (2) 45.4, B race, Ben Jones (1) 45.2.

800m, A race, Alex Love (1) 2m 27, B race, Scott Thomas (3) 2m 37.

1500m, A race, Rian Thomas (2) 5m28, B race, Ellis Rosser (1) 5m 32.

4 x 100 relay, Rian Thomas, Joseph Treharne, Kristian Jones,

Tom Trotman (1) 53.8, High jump, Tom Trotman (1) 1.75m (new school record), Huw Bennett (2) 1.25.

Long jump, Kristian Jones (2) 4m52, Rian Thomas 4.31.

Triple jump, Toby Walker (4) 9m 73, Scott Thomas 8.70.

Discus, Craig Boxall (3) 20.75, Davin Stanton 19.06.

Shot, Nathan Robson (2) 9m57, Ben Jones 8.71, Javelin, Joseph Treharne (1) 31.00, Michael Milan 25.61.

Team event: First, Cowbridge – 253 pts; second, Barry Comprehensive – 218;

third, Corpus Christi – 196; fourth, Plasmarw – 180; fifth, Mary Immaculate – 169.

The team goes through to the regional finals at the end of June.

Athletics Knockout Cup Cardiff v Vale Schools Finals, held at Leckwith Stadium, Cardiff.

Individual Performances – 75m hurdles, A race, Kristian Jones (1) 12.1; B race, Daniel Oddy (1) 14.1.

100 metres – A race, Joseph Treharne (6) 13.8, B race, Peter Anderson (6) 14.3.

200 metres, A Race, Tom Trotman (1) 25.5, B race, Nathan Robson (3)

28.5, 300 metres, A race, Joe Davies (3) 46.1, B race, Ben Jones (2) 45.7, 800 metres A race, Alex Love (1) 2m.20, B race, Scott Thomas (1) 2m.32; 1500 metres, A race, Ellis Rosser (5) 5m.08, B race, Rian Thomas (3) 5m.20.

4 x 100 relay, Nathan Robson, Kristian Jones, Rian Thomas, Tom Trotman (1) 50.1.

High jump: Tom Trotman (1) 1.65, Huw Bennett (4) 1.25.

Long jump, Kristian Jones (7) 4.39, Rian Thomas (8) 3.91.

Triple jump: Toby Walker (4) 9.36, Scott Thomas 8.88.

Shot: Nathan Robson (6) 8.95, Ben Jones 8.02.

Javelin: Joseph Treharne (2) 35.38, Michael Milani 25.36.

Discus: Craig Boxall (1) 25.88, David Stanton (5) 13.90.

Team event: First, Cowbridge 269 pts, second, Whitchurch – 252; third, Llantwit – 244; fourth, Llanishen – 238; fifth, Glantaf – 230; sixth, Barry Comprehensive – 216;

seventh, Bro Morgannwg – 205; eighth, St Teilo – 199.

The boys team will now compete at the Welsh Schools finals at Brecon on July 13.

Cowbridge RFC welcome new coach

COWBRIDGE RFC are pleased to announce that a new coach has been appointed for the coming season.

Rhys James has been selected and he comes with very recent experience of playing for Cardiff RFC and the Blues.

Rhys unfortunately has been forced to retire from the game due to injury, but Cardiff's loss is our gain since he comes with recent experience of playing at the top level and he will surely bring fresh ideas and innovation.

Rhys lives in the Bridgend area and his father, Hugh, played rugby for Cowbridge some seasons ago, so we are delighted to welcome him to the club and to wish him all the best.

All of us at the club and, indeed, in the town, need to help Rhys in every way possible so that the club can build itself up and be a force in the area again.

We showed what was possible at the end of last season, so all players,

students, boys who have left school this year and youth players are asked to come down to training which has now started in earnest.

Training nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm, and for more information contact team manager Dai Breed on 07896 997016.

In welcoming Rhys we also say goodbye to Graham Matthews and Simon Jenkins. Graham came to the club at a tricky time two seasons ago and steadied the ship, encouraged and supported the players and then continued in tandem with Simon last season.

Simon joined us last season and impressed with his technical knowledge, as a former Bridgend second row, and no nonsense approach.

He has been spotted by Ystrad Rhondda and takes up a role with the Division Two side.

We extend our thanks to both men and wish them all the best for the future.

RV/RK